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The bite of a genetically altered spider granted high school student Peter Parker incredible arachnid-like powers. When a burglar killed his beloved Uncle Ben, a grief-stricken Peter vowed to use his amazing abilities to protect his fellow man. He learned the invaluable lesson that with great power there must also come great responsibility.

Now the fledgling super hero tries to balance a full high school curriculum, a part-time job, a relationship with Gwen Stacy and swing time as the misunderstood, web-slinging Spider-Man!

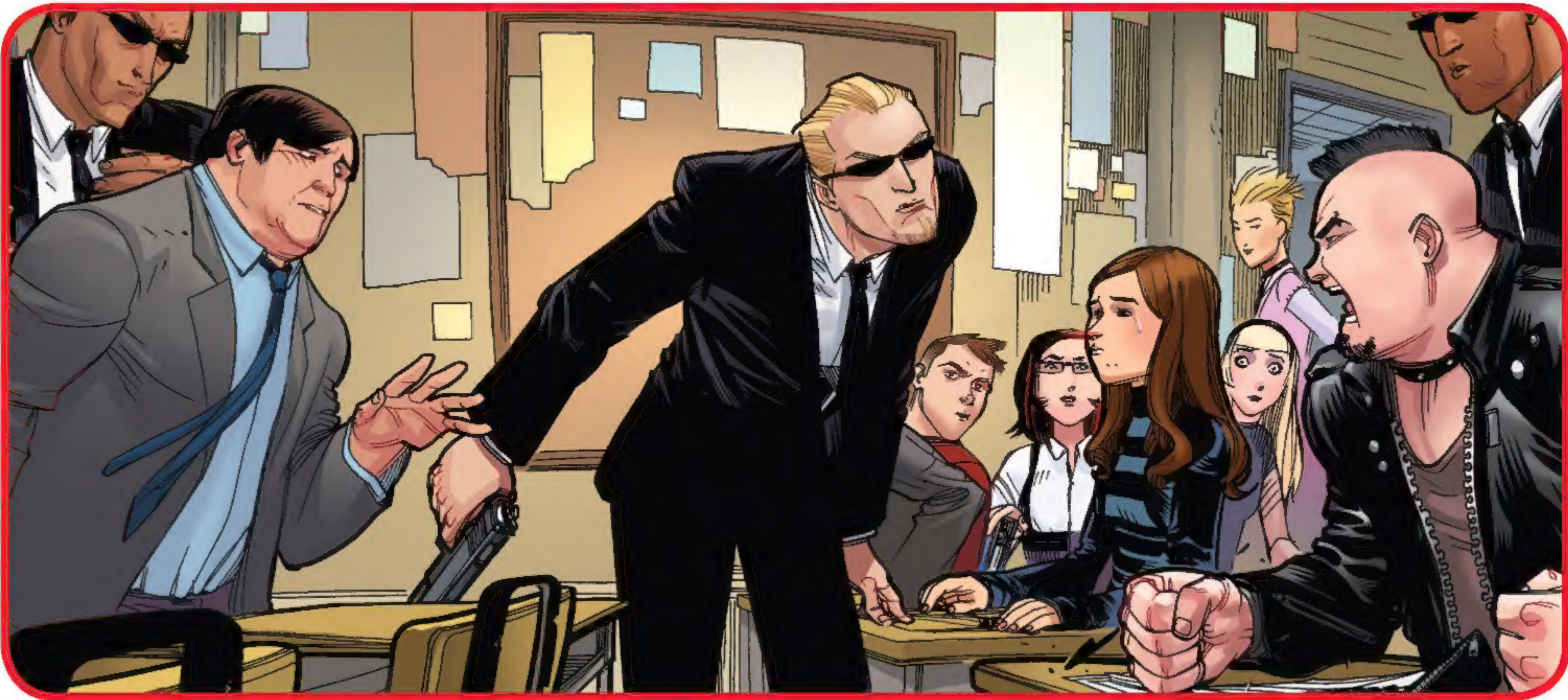


PREVIOUSLY IN ULTIMATE SPIDER-MAN:

Spider-Man is now living with Johnny Storm a.k.a. the Human Torch and Bobby Drake a.k.a. Iceman. Both are disguising themselves as his cousins and going to school like normal kids.

But his ex-girlfriend Kitty Pryde was struggling with her life as an “out-of-the-closet” mutant—until federal agents came into her classroom and asked her to leave with them.

She and her boyfriend Kong escaped...
and MJ caught all of it on video.



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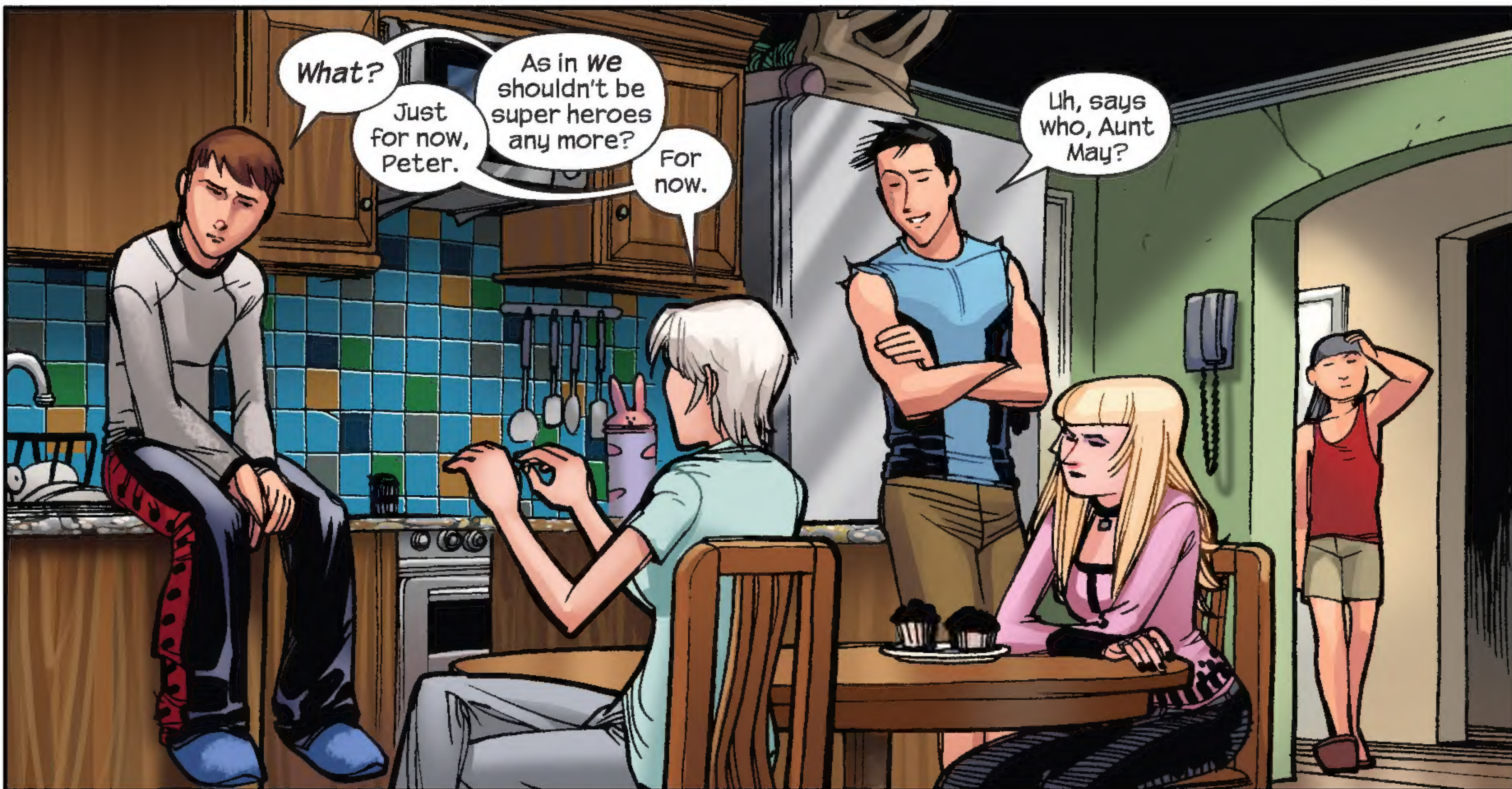
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No more super heroes.



What?

Just for now, Peter.

As in *we* shouldn't be super heroes any more?

For now.

Uh, says who, Aunt May?



Says me, Johnny Storm.

And you're living under my roof and that means I am the law.

When did I agree to *that*?

When you asked to move in here.

But I'm the Human Torch.

And a cute Human Torch you are...

But we live in very touchy times.

All that went down with your friend Kitty.



Any word from Kitty?



No.

And that's my point.

Your principal is gone.

Things are touchy. Your school is in an honest-to-god upheaval.

Which means you're getting a new one any day.

And who knows what *he'll* be like...



And if I may, you guys have been a *little cavalier* with your super hero activities in and around school and we can't have any more slipups or near misses.

We can't have what happened to Kitty happening to this household.

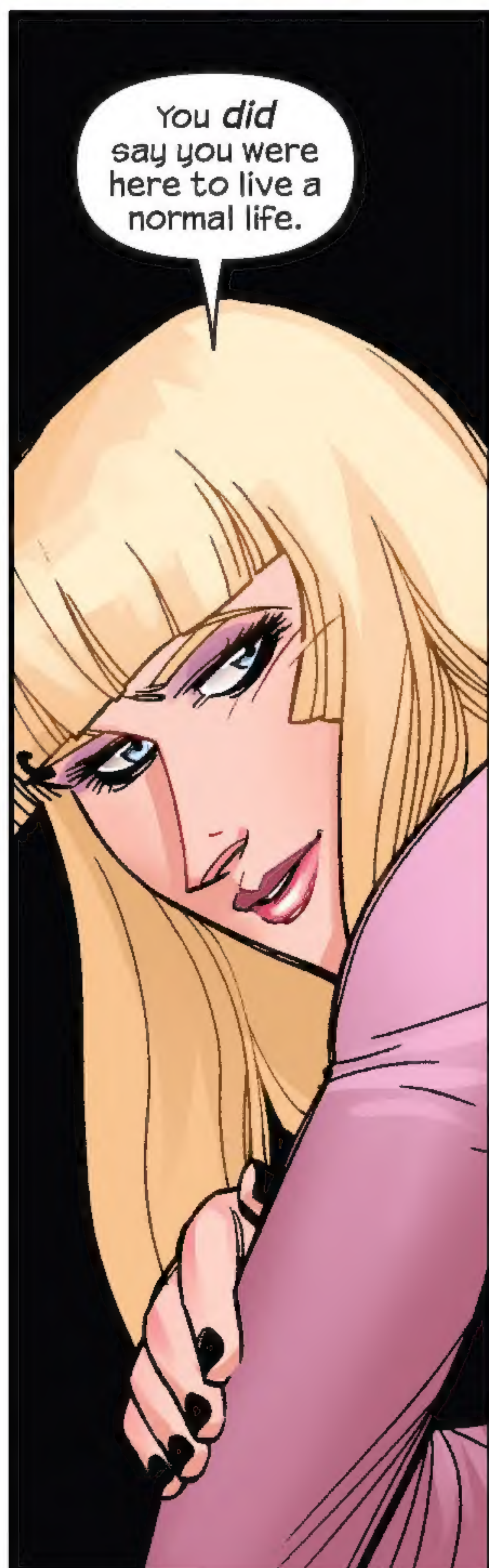
So I say, for now. *For now*, let's just be normal people.



What if we do our super hero thing, like, in the city?

You know, away from school.

What if you just settle down and go about your day and do your homework and meet a nice girl and live a life?



You *did* say you were here to live a normal life.



We should look for Kitty.



We did, Bobby.

And we *found* her.

Exactly.

And she told us to bliff blapp.

Right.

(I think.)



So we just give up on her?



No.
But, what should we do?



She'll come around. Kenny's with her. They'll figure it out.



Or she'll join some brotherhood of evil mutants and come here and kill us in our sleep.



Were you always this paranoid?
Are you joking right now?

Who told you I was paranoid? Did someone tell you that?



Yeah. No good? I'm still workshopping it.
A little intense.



So, we all agree. No powers. For now. And, just FYI, I do have what you kids call the Internets and I will *know* if you broke your promise here and used your powers somewhere else.



What if there's a fire and I'm the only thing standing in the way of any--?

Lord!!

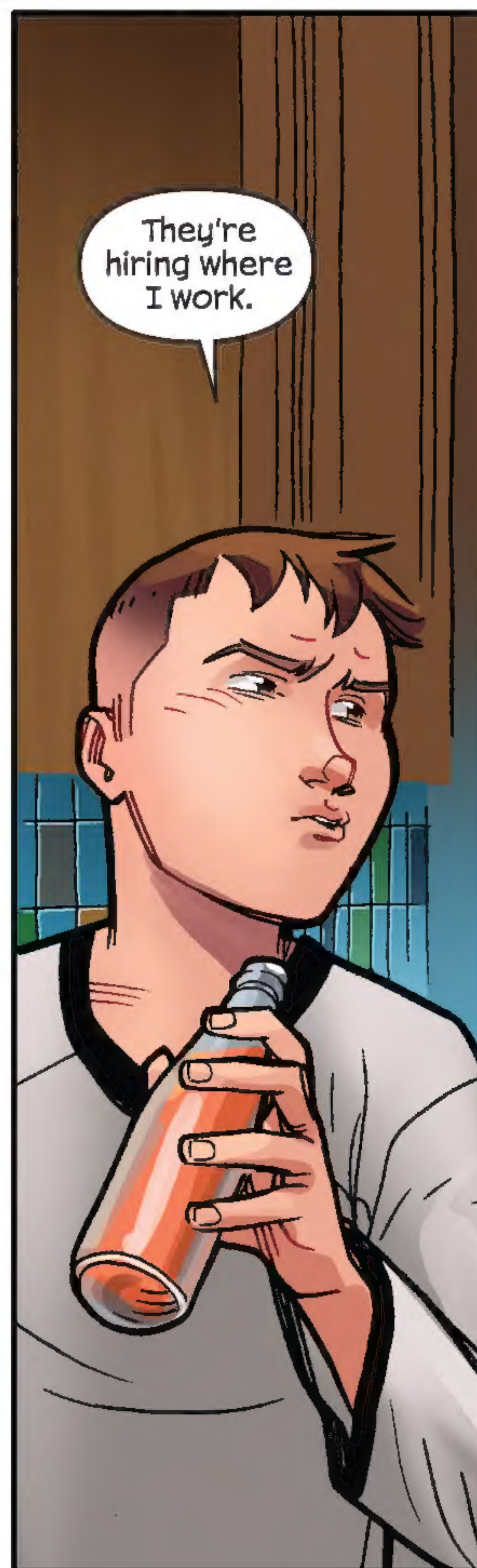


We need to get *jobs*, man, I am out of money.

There's an idea.

Where can I get a job, though?

I have no experience. I have no job skills.



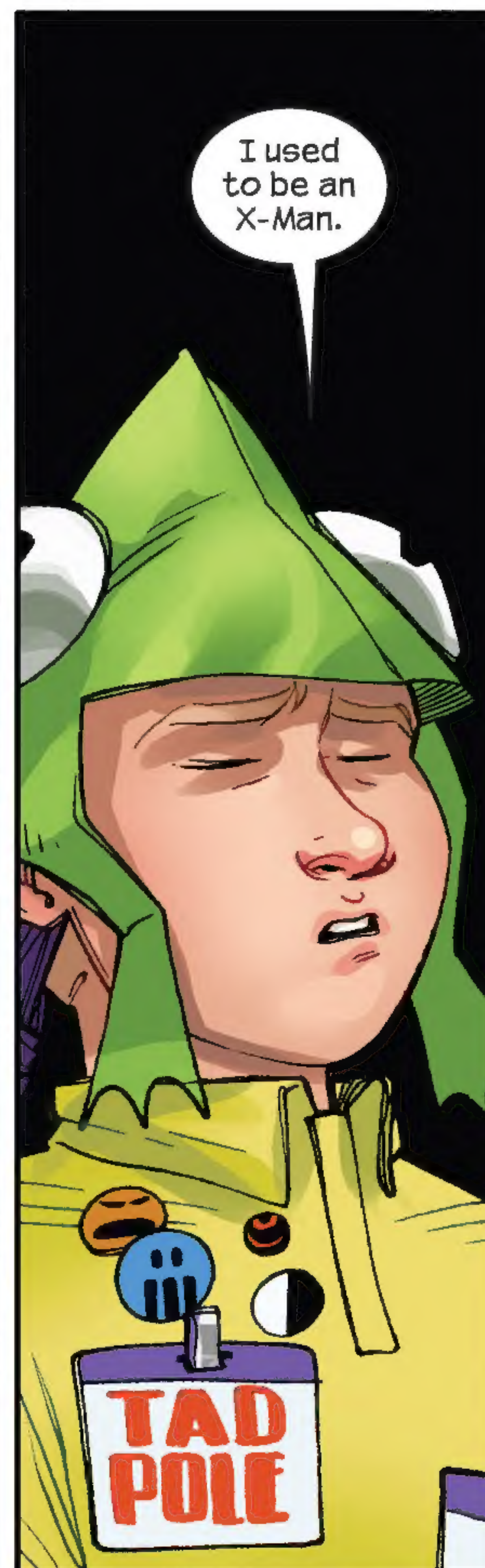
They're hiring where I work.



They are?



They always are. You know why?





Please, this can't-- you can't--not in front of the other students.

Agents, I'm sorry, we did not agree to--this isn't the way to do this.

I'll ask you one more time...

Katherine Pryde. Please stand up and walk out of this class.



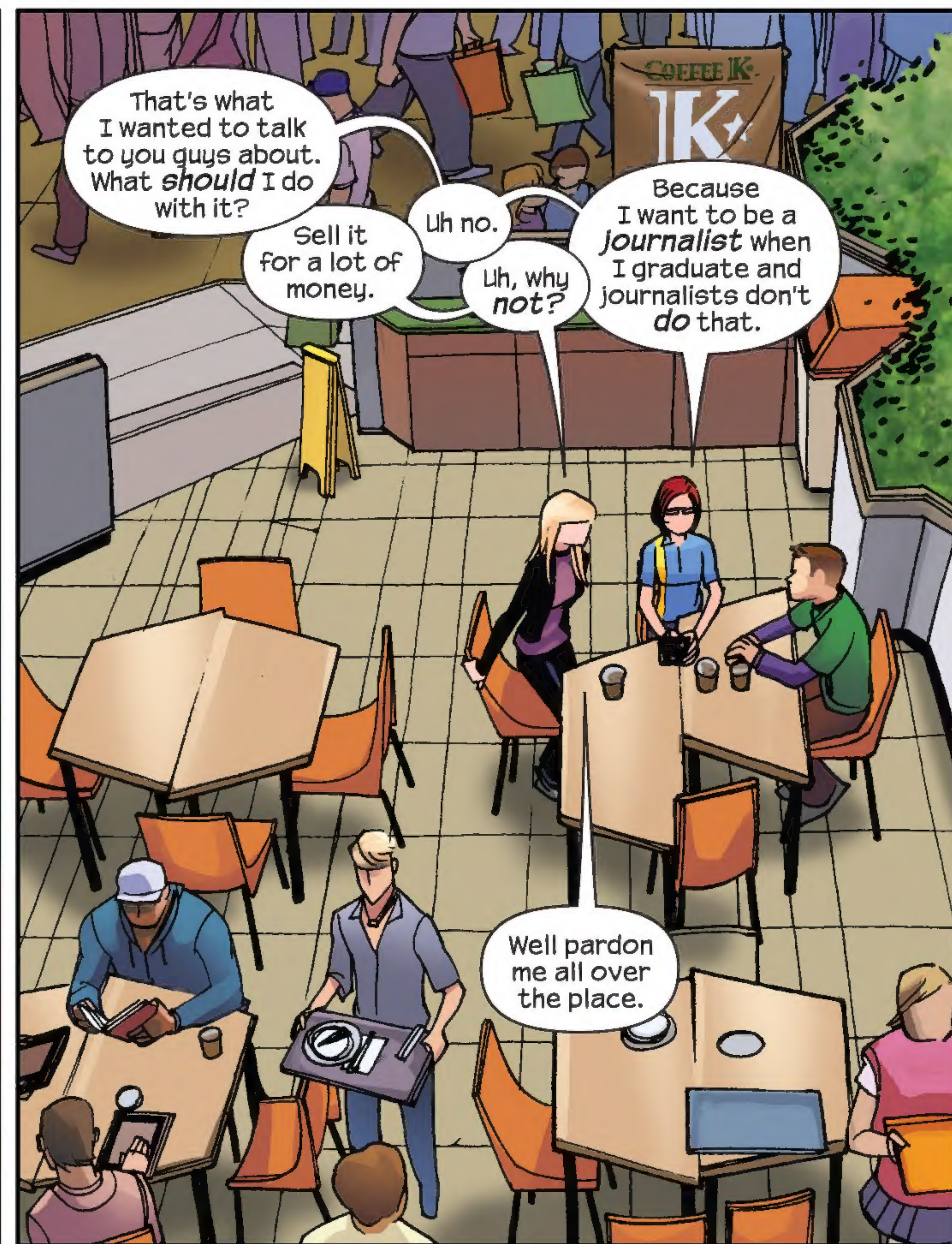
You were filming it?

I know, but wow.

I'm part of the school newscast. I have a camera. I turned it on.

Obviously, I didn't know it was going to turn into *all this*.

What are you going to do with it?



That's what I wanted to talk to you guys about. What *should* I do with it?

Sell it for a lot of money.

Uh no.

Uh, why not?

Because I want to be a *journalist* when I graduate and journalists don't do that.

Well pardon me all over the place.

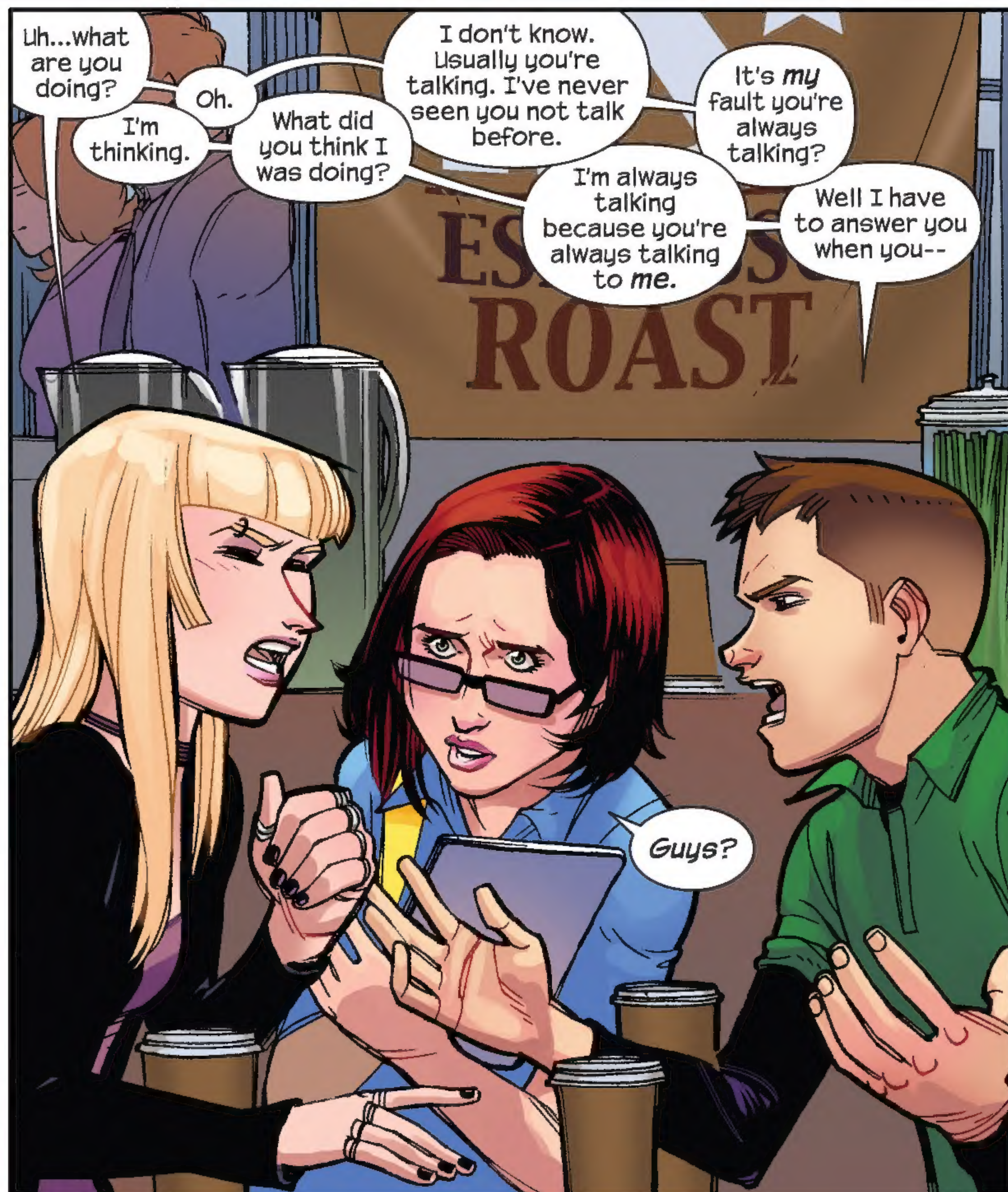
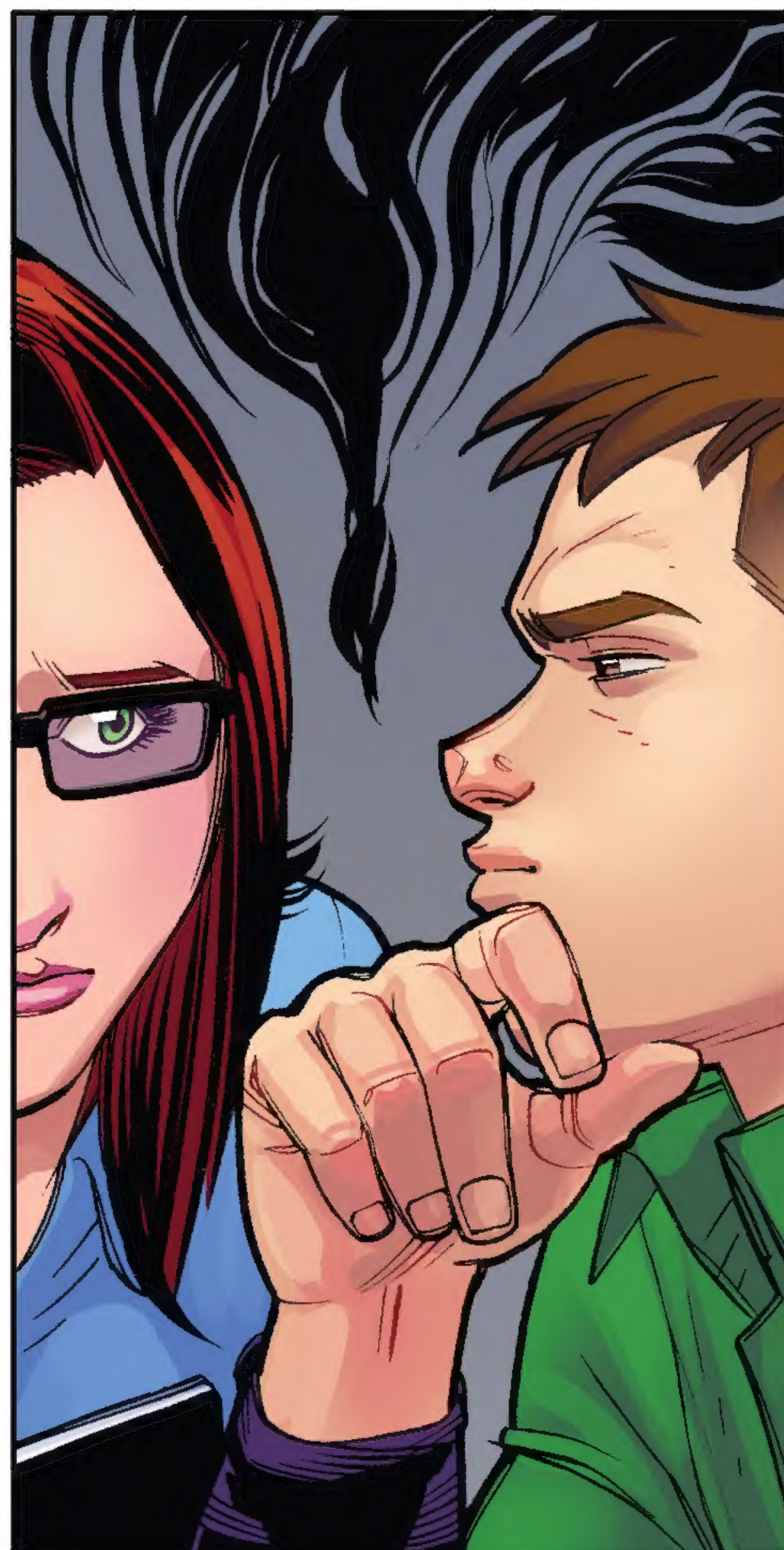


What should I do, Peter?

I don't want to hurt Kitty or Kong any more than they're hurting.

But it is news and I think, honestly, it shows Principal Suitress to be in the right.

The guy lost his *job* and he didn't *do* anything.



Uh...what are you doing?

I'm thinking.

Oh.

What did you think I was doing?

I don't know. Usually you're talking. I've never seen you not talk before.

It's *my* fault you're always talking?

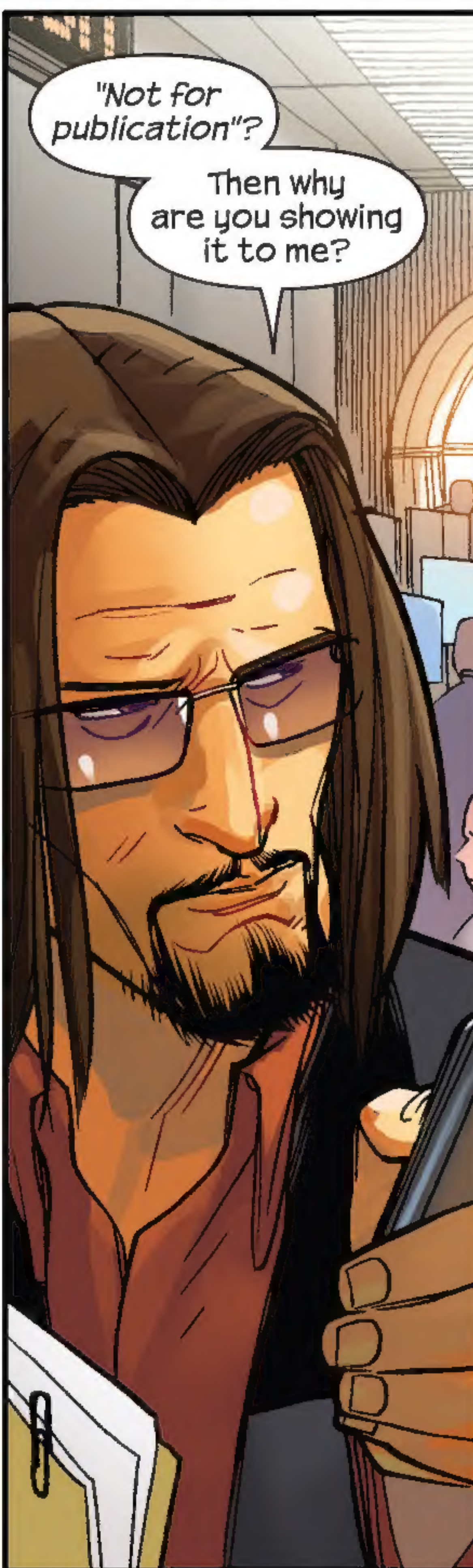
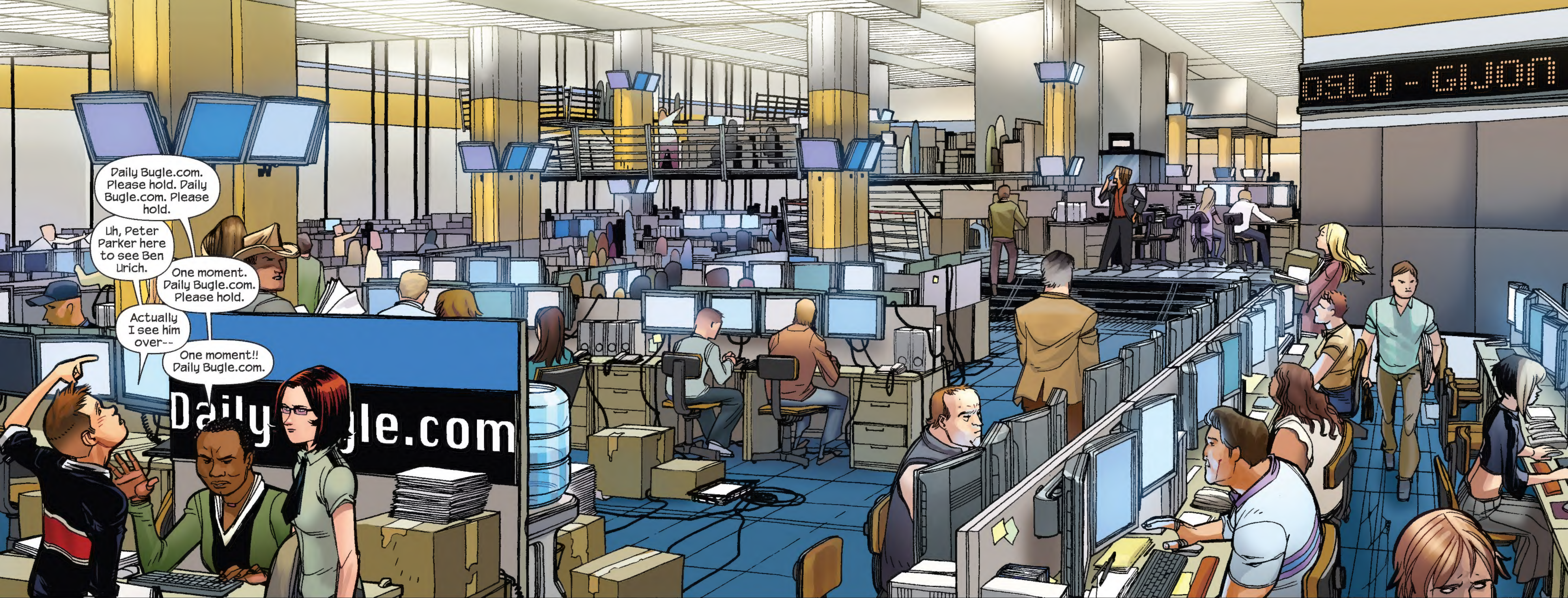
I'm always talking because you're always talking to *me*.

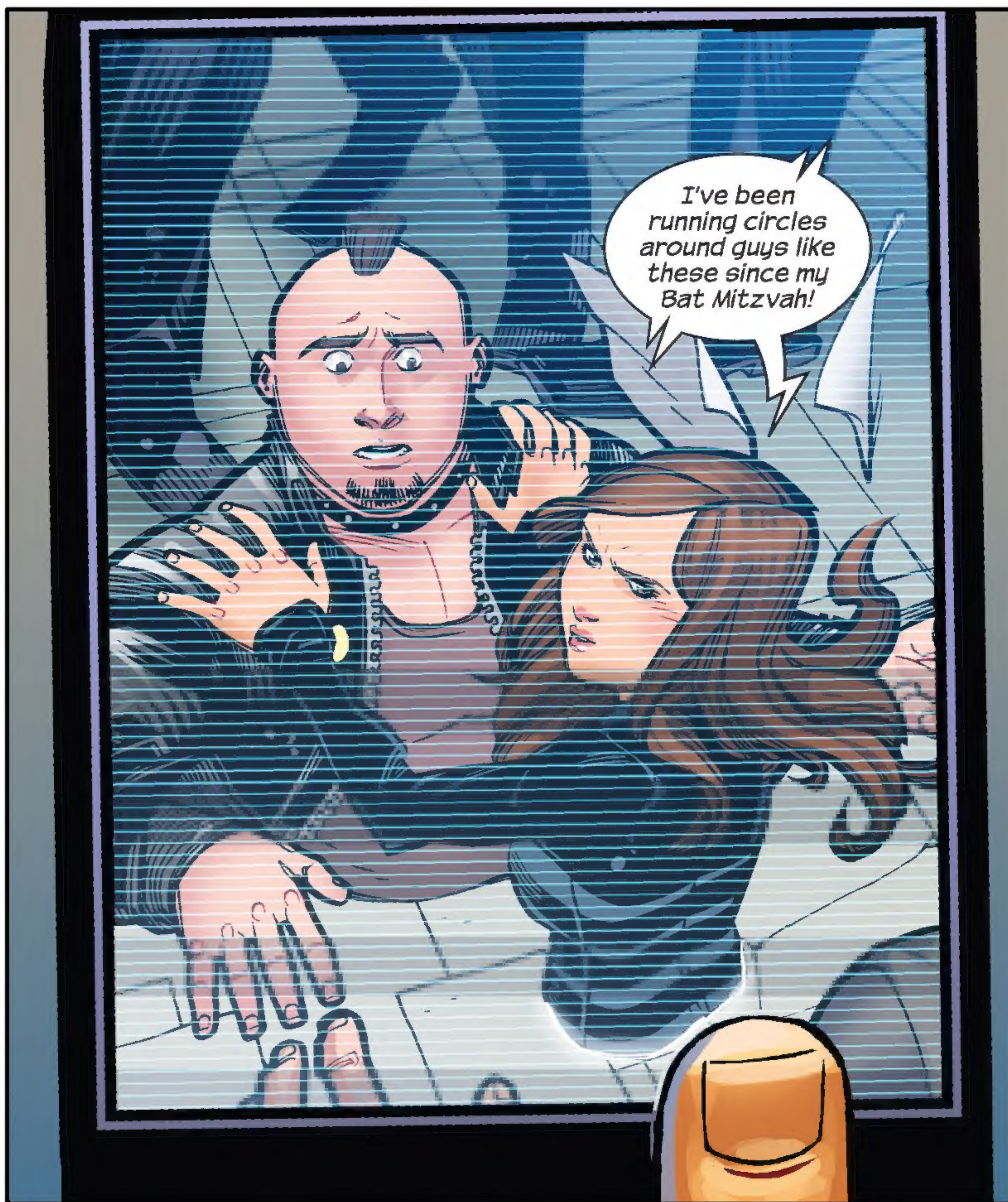
Well I have to answer you when you--

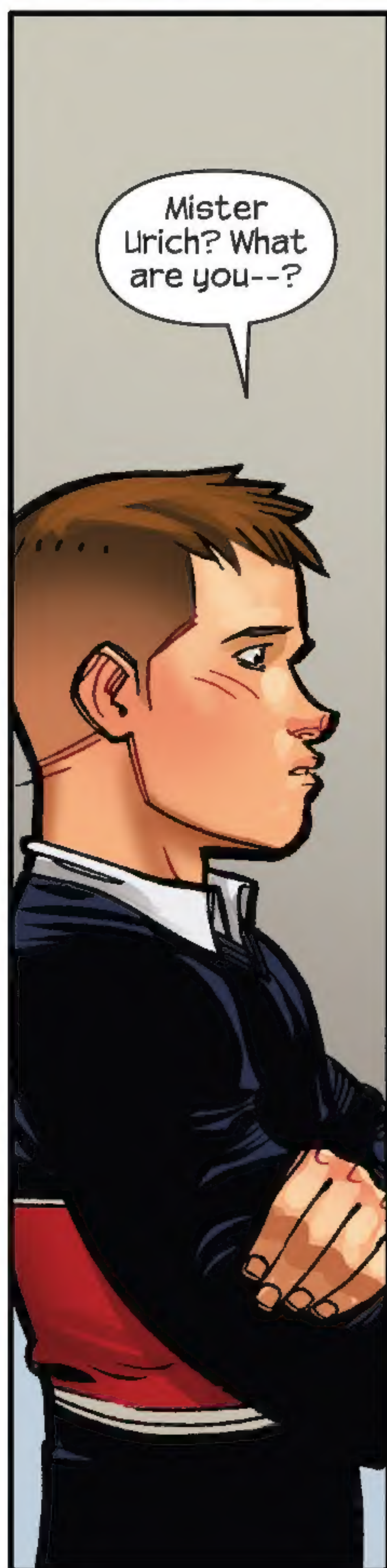
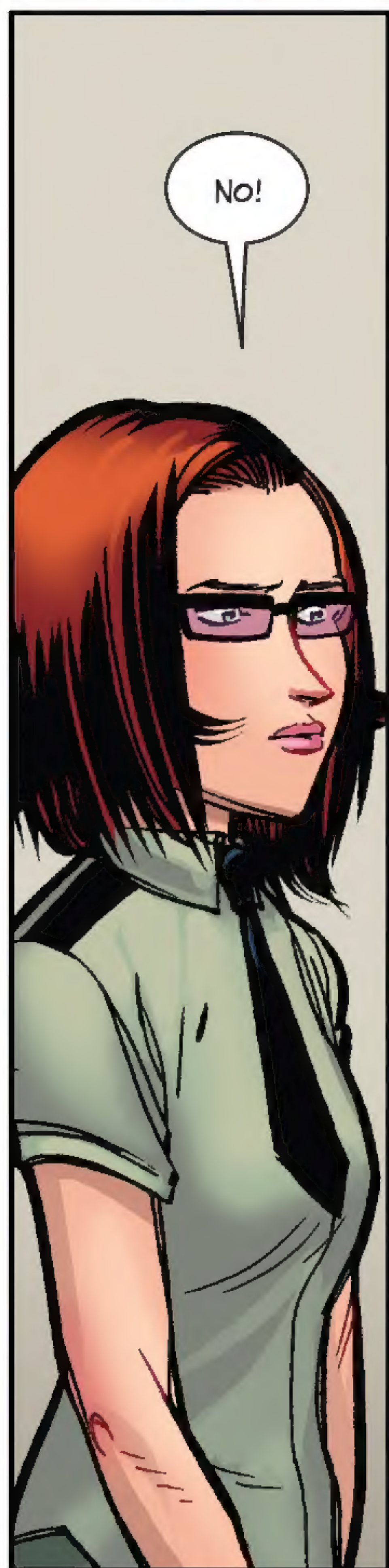
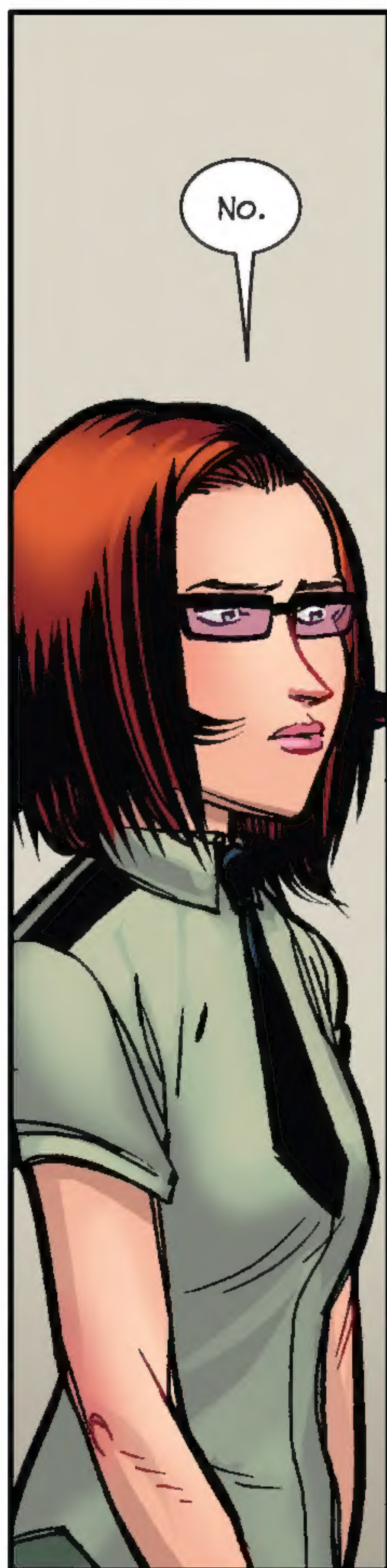
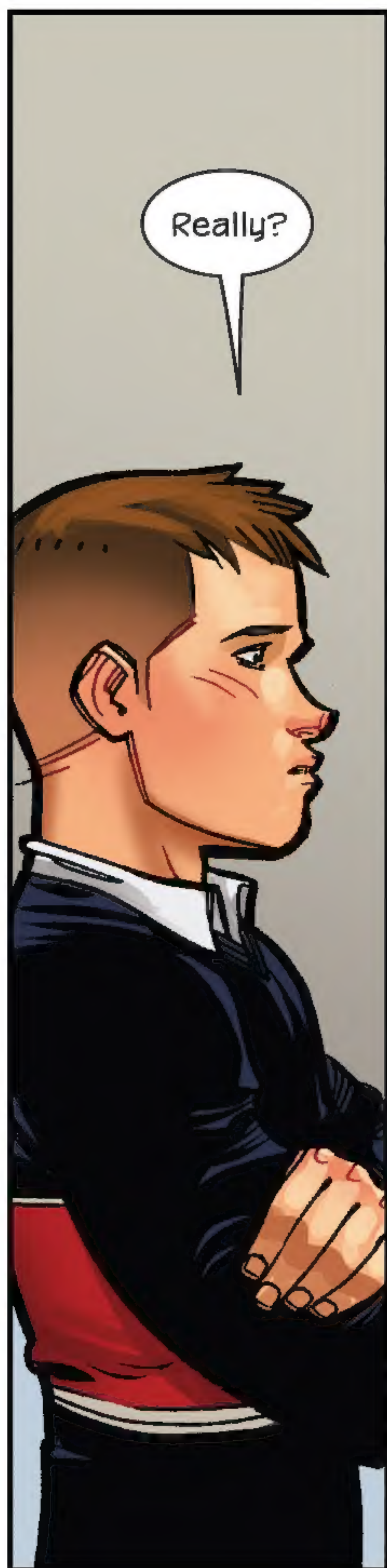
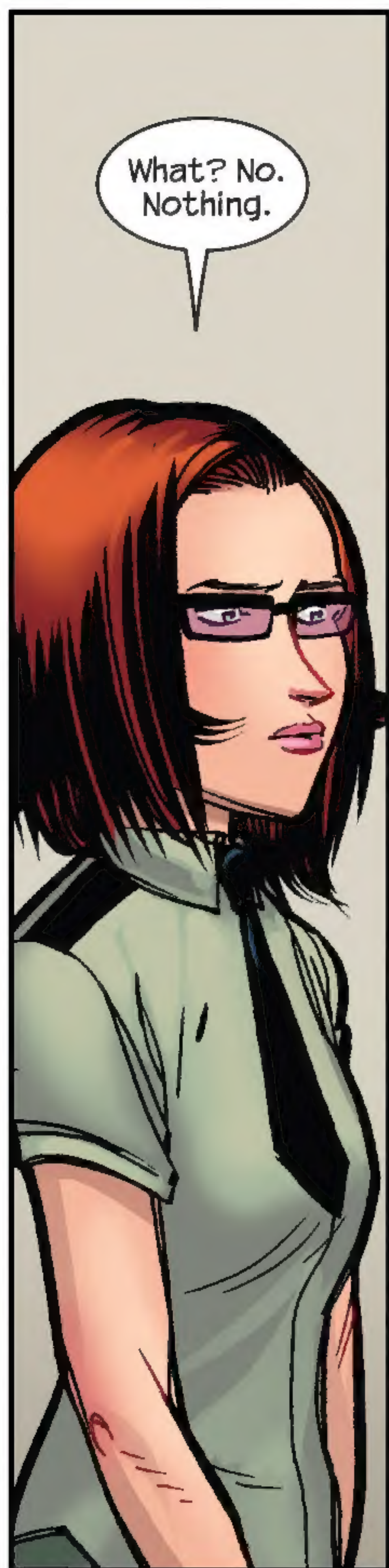


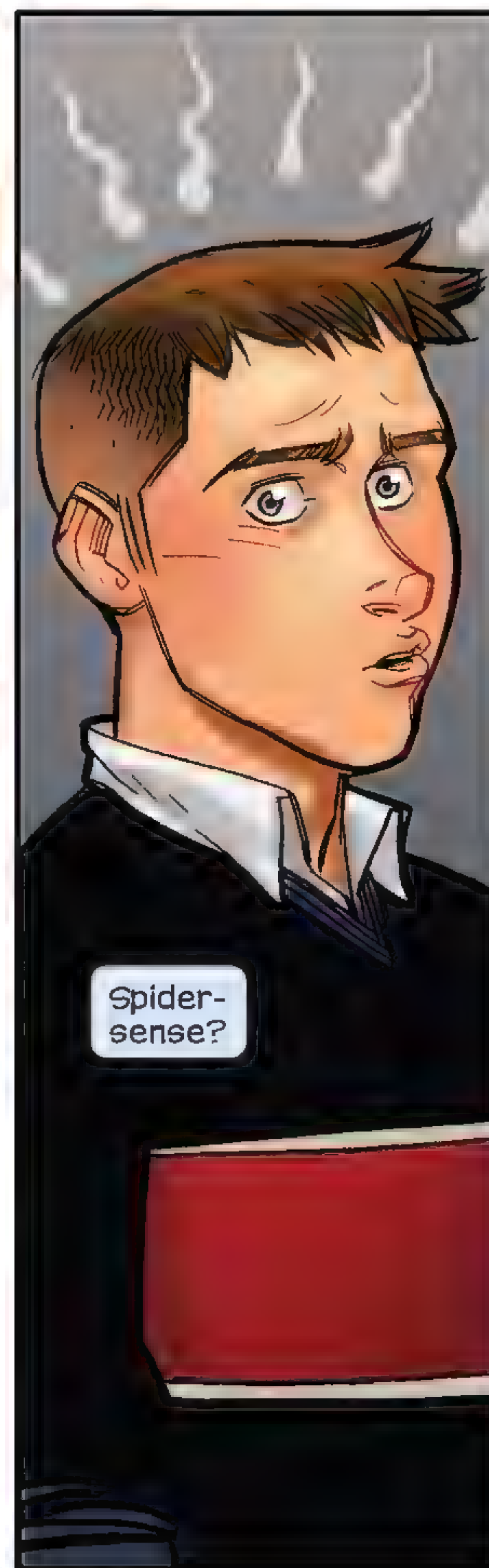
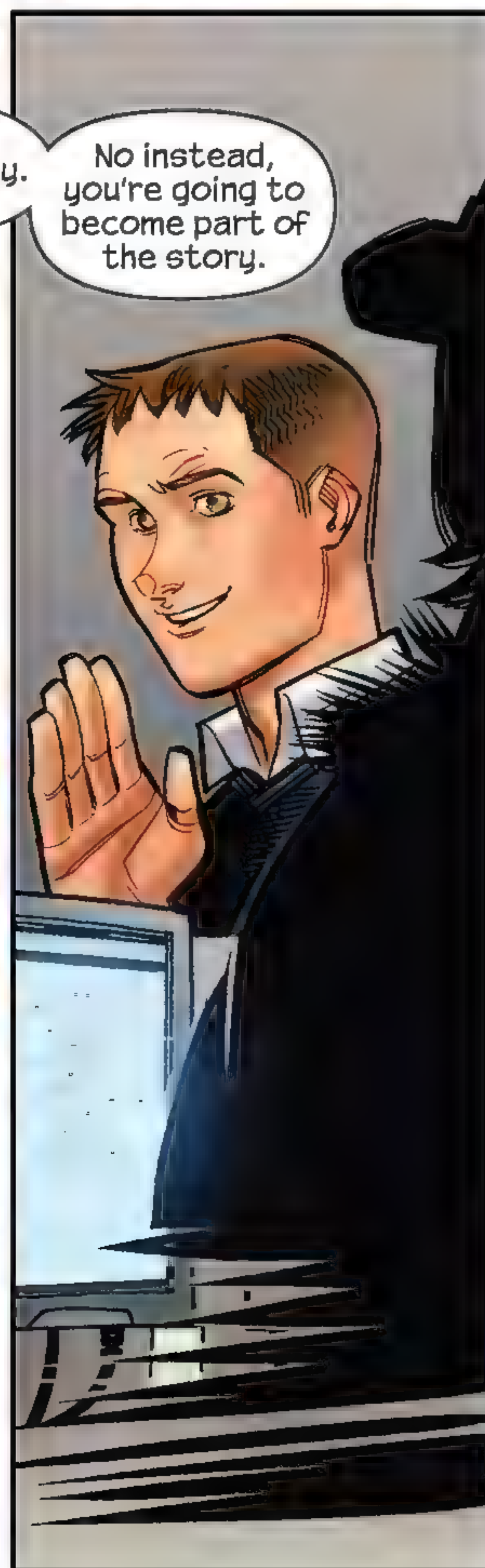
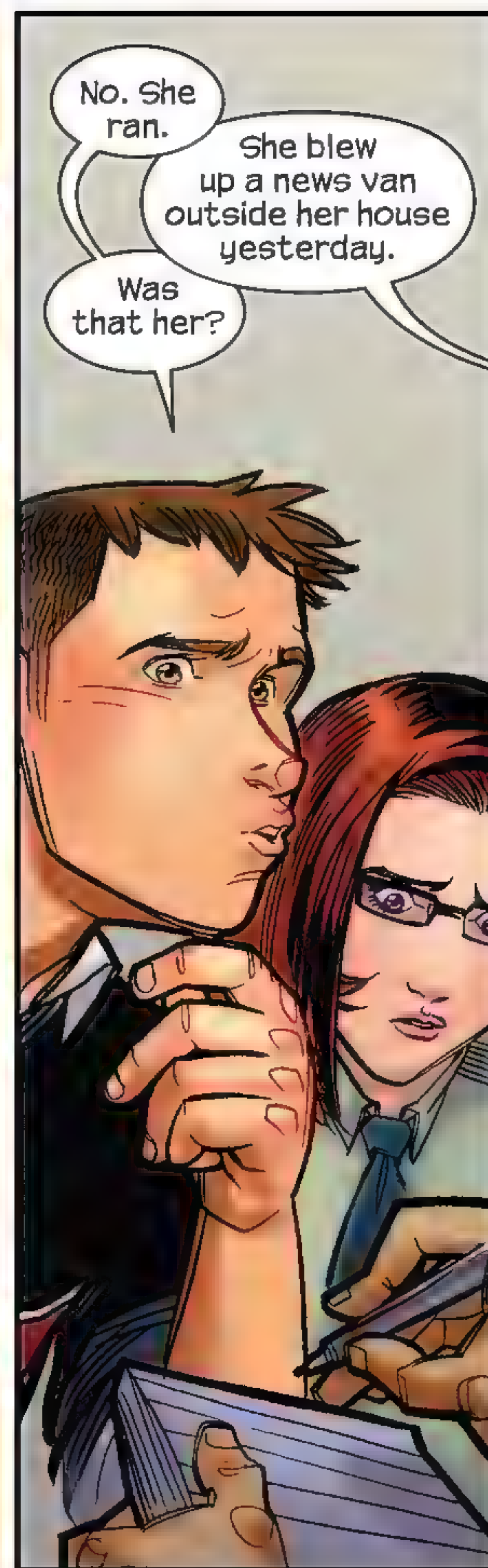
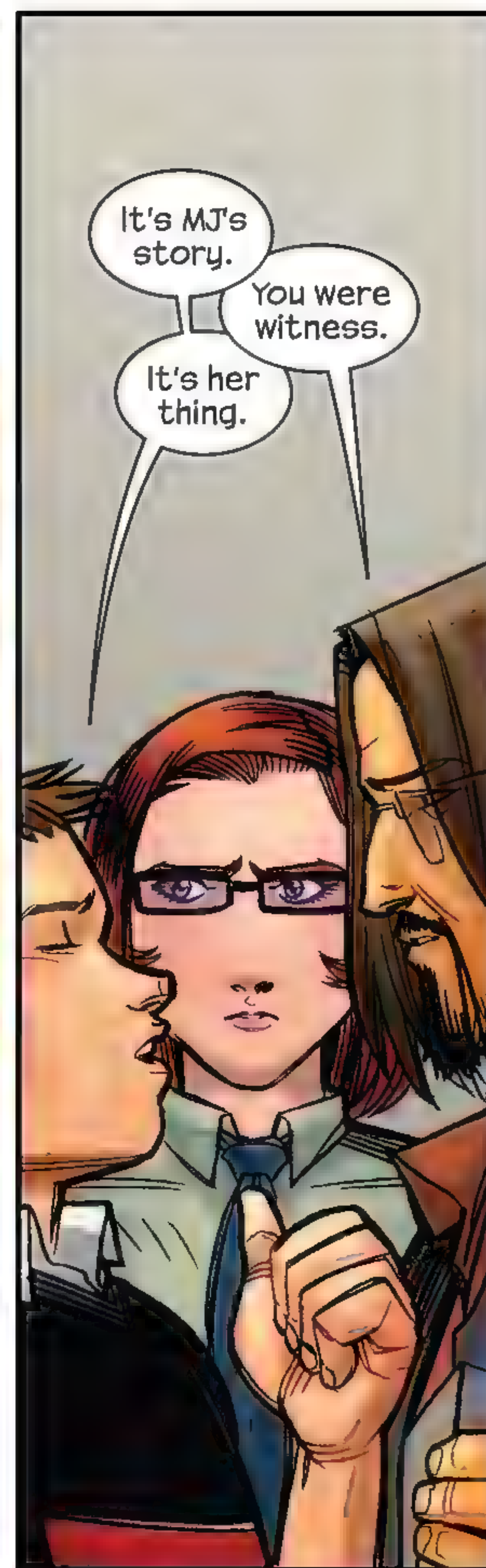
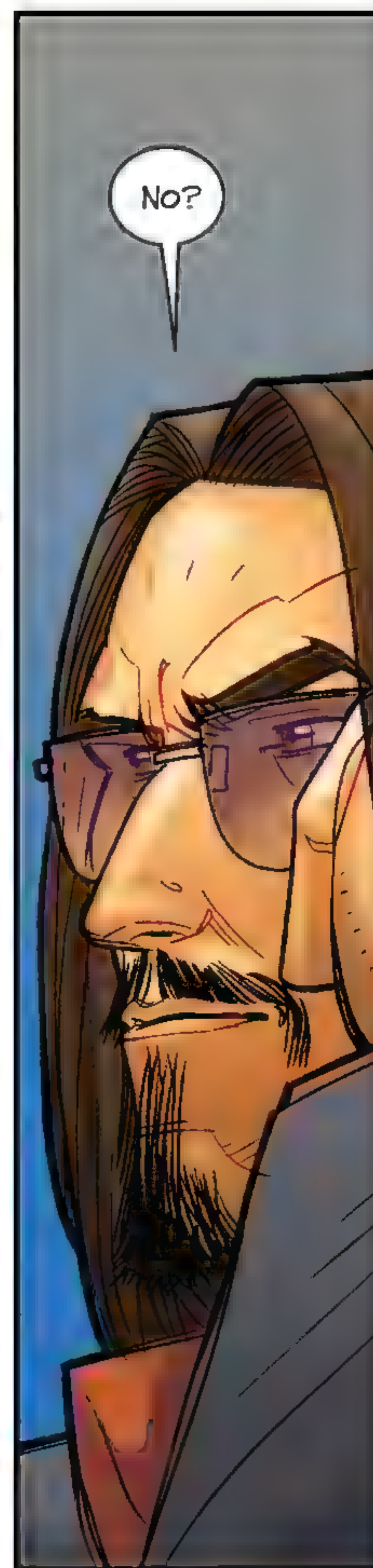
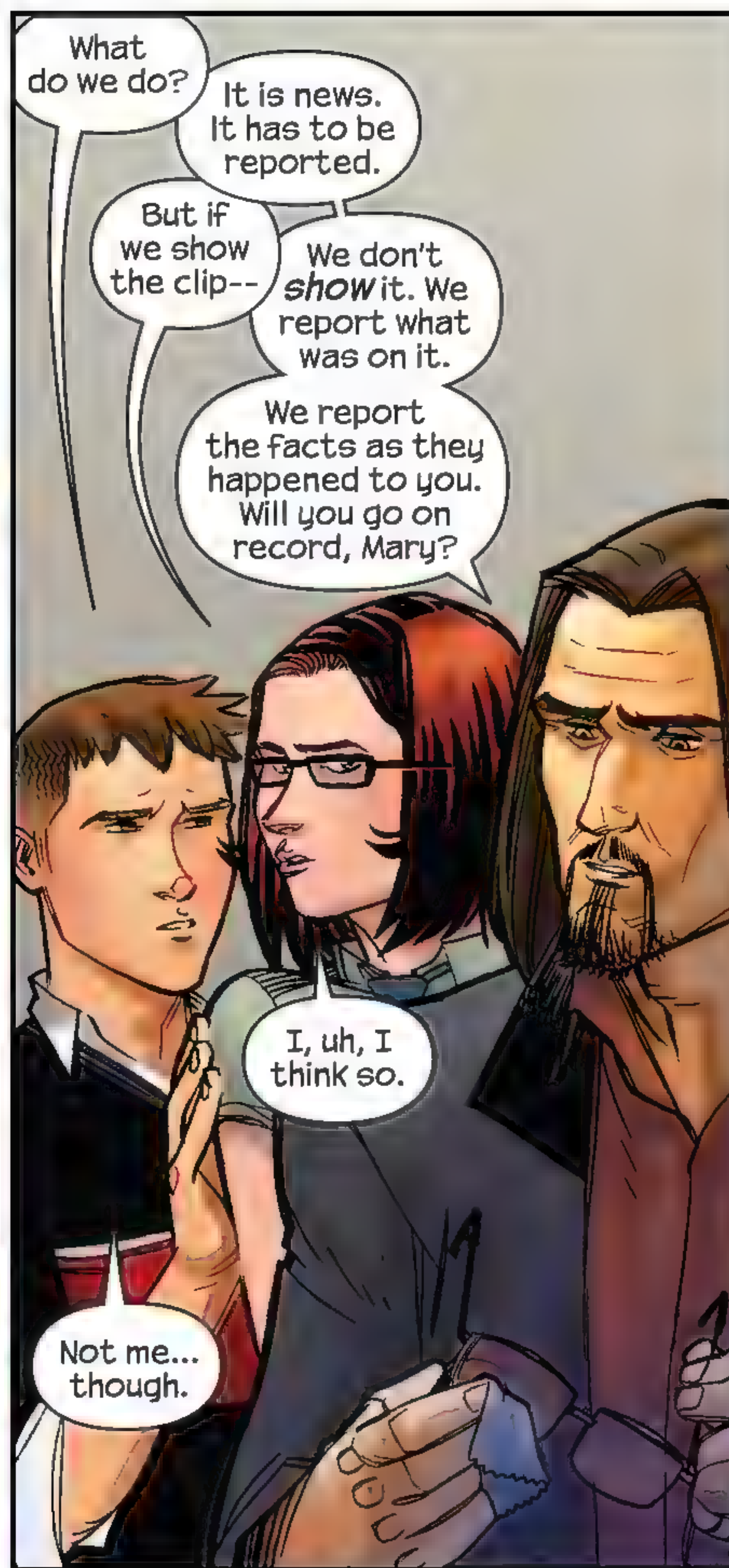
I know who to talk to about this.

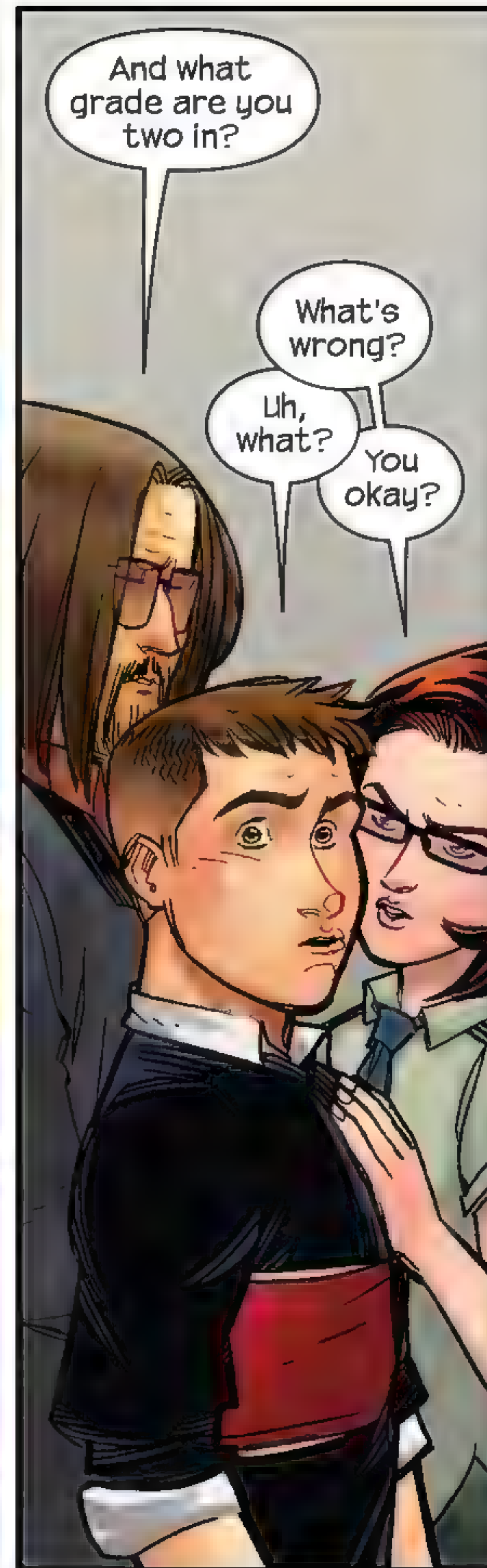
Give me your phone.











And what grade are you two in?

What's wrong?

Uh, what?

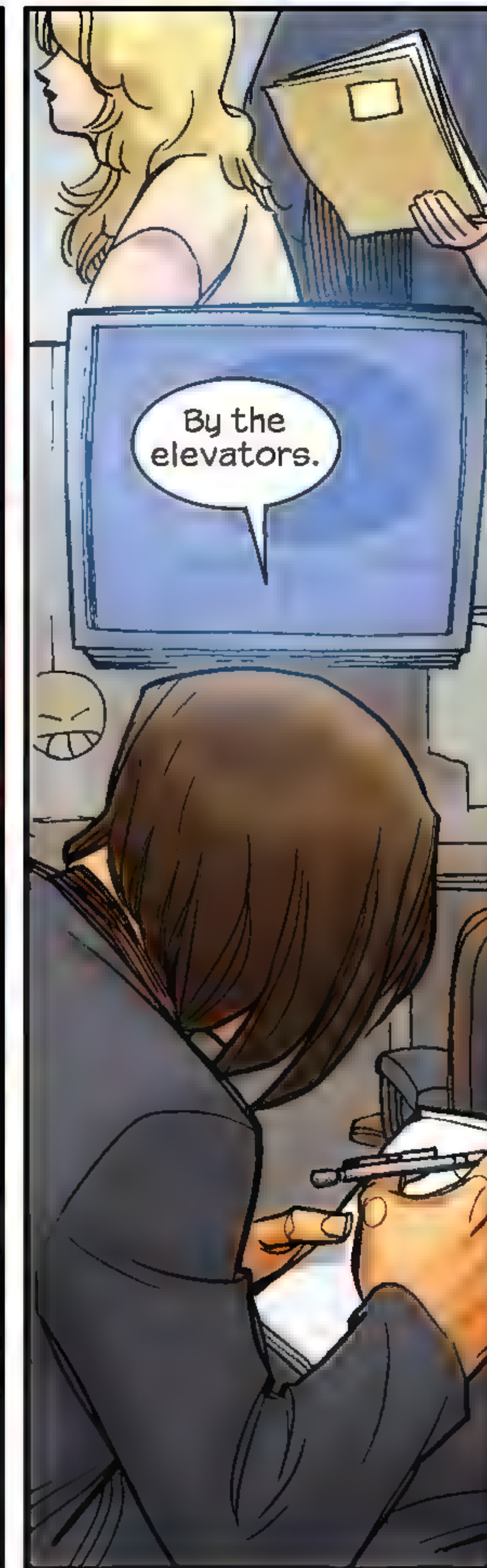
You okay?



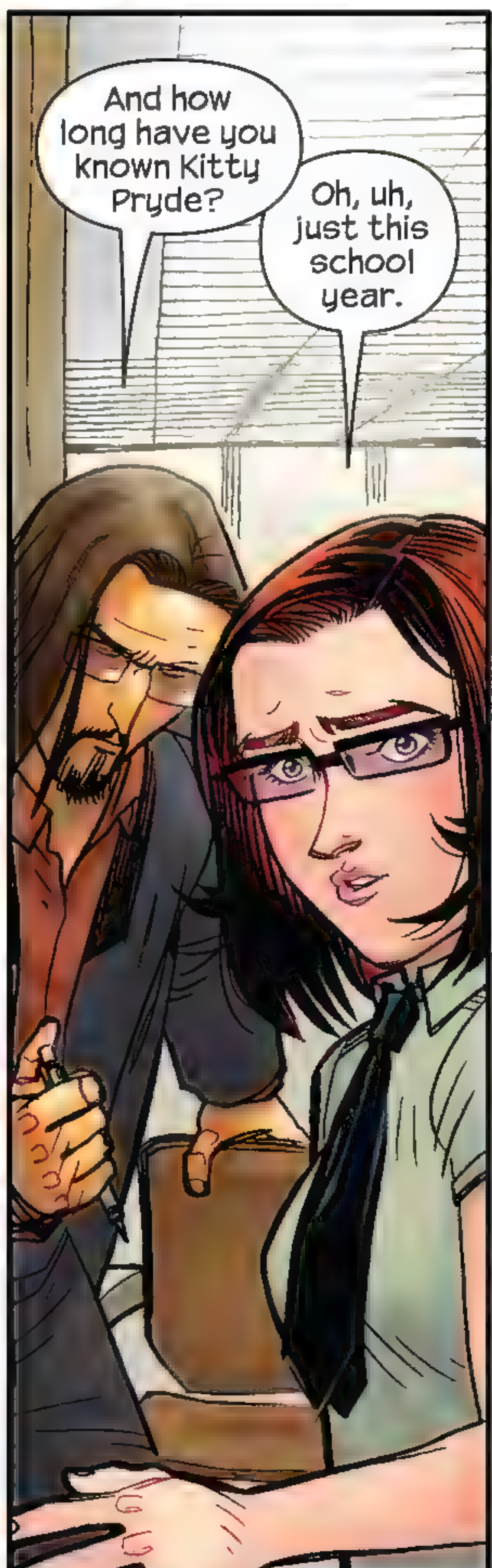
Uh, I need to go to the bathroom.

Now?

Uh, where's the bathroom?

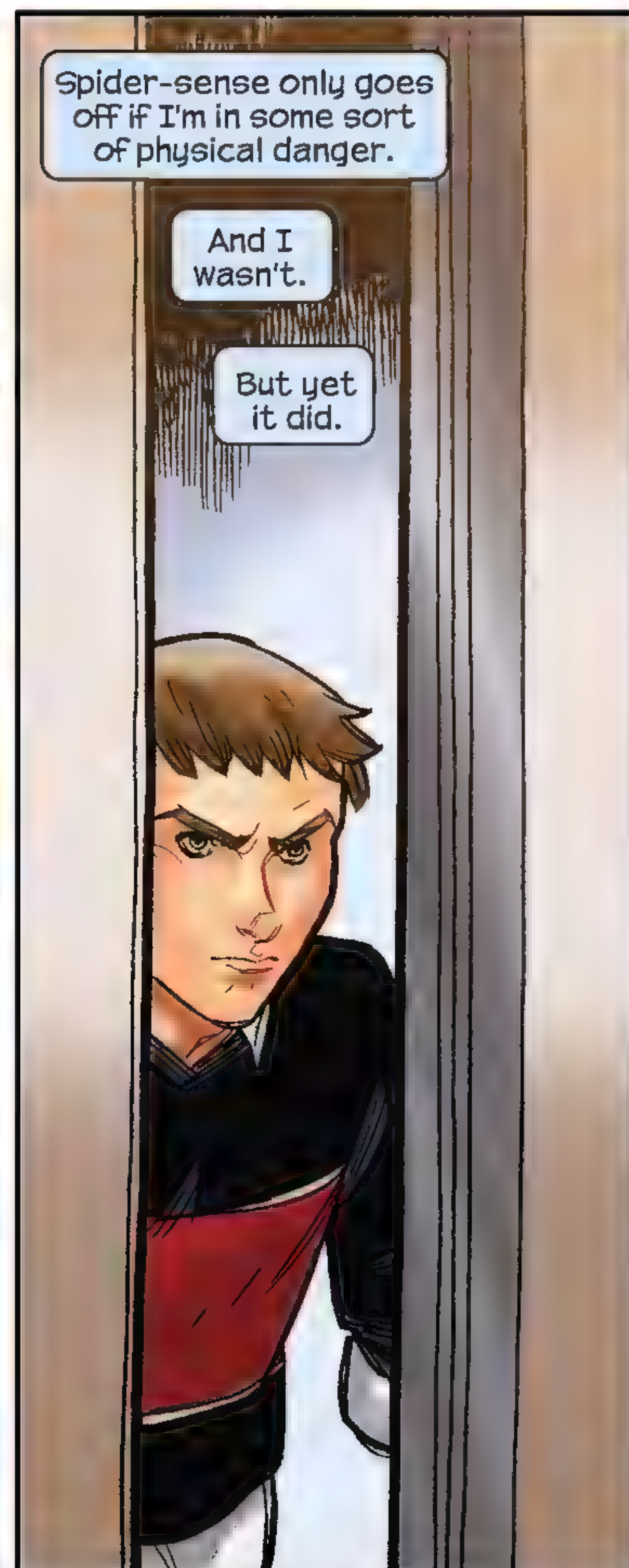
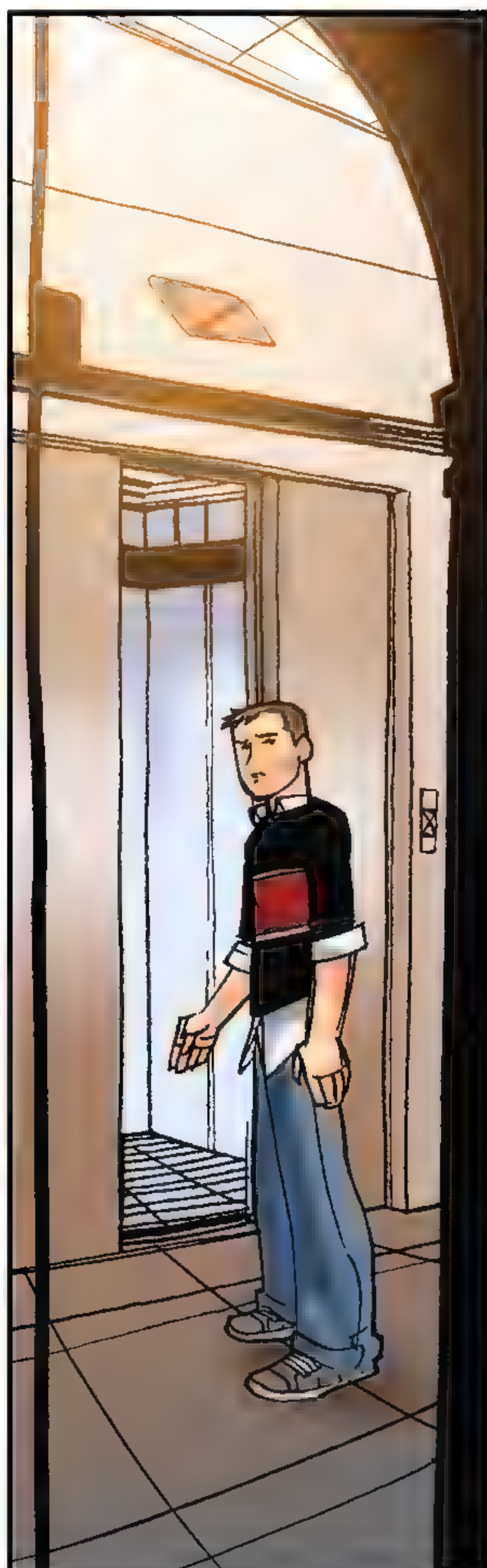


By the elevators.



And how long have you known Kitty Pryde?

Oh, uh, just this school year.



Spider-sense only goes off if I'm in some sort of physical danger.

And I wasn't.

But yet it did.



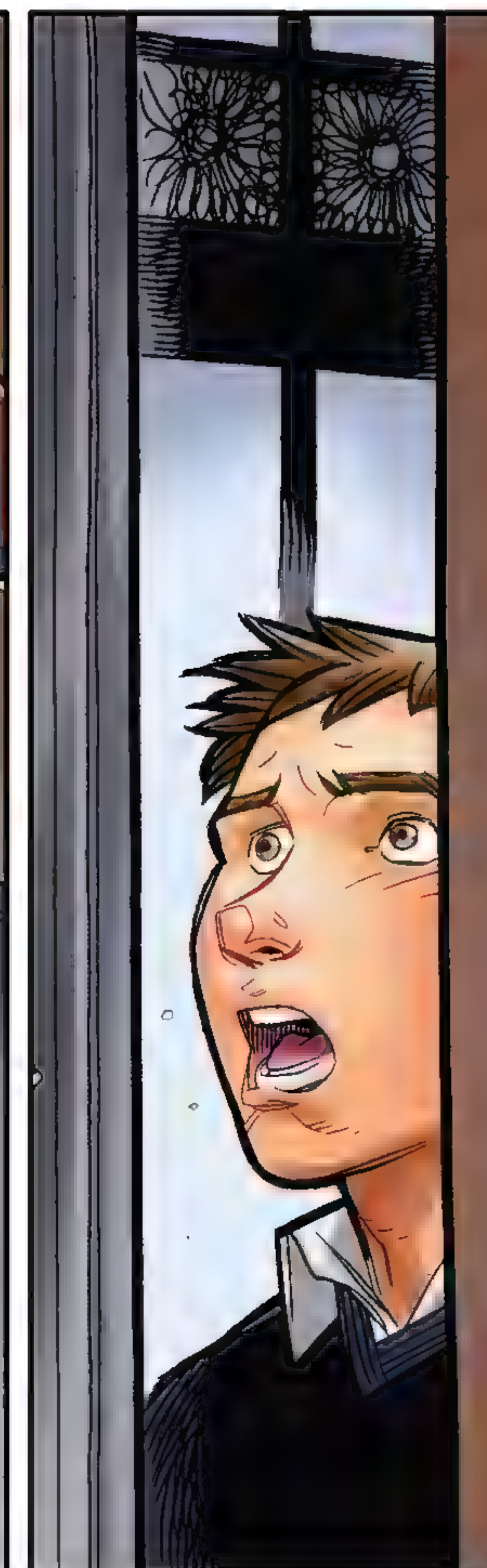
At least I *think* that's how this spider-sense works.

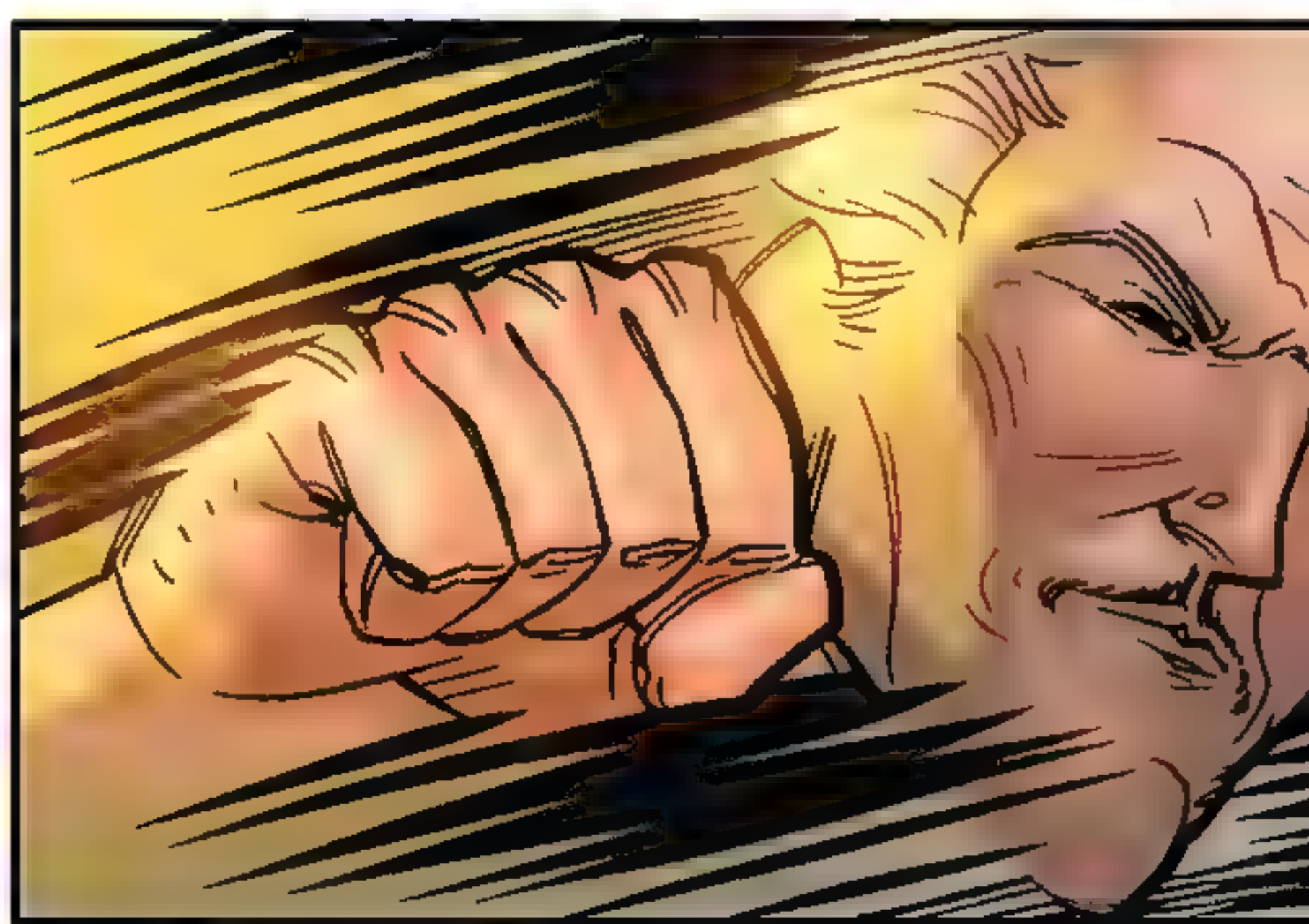
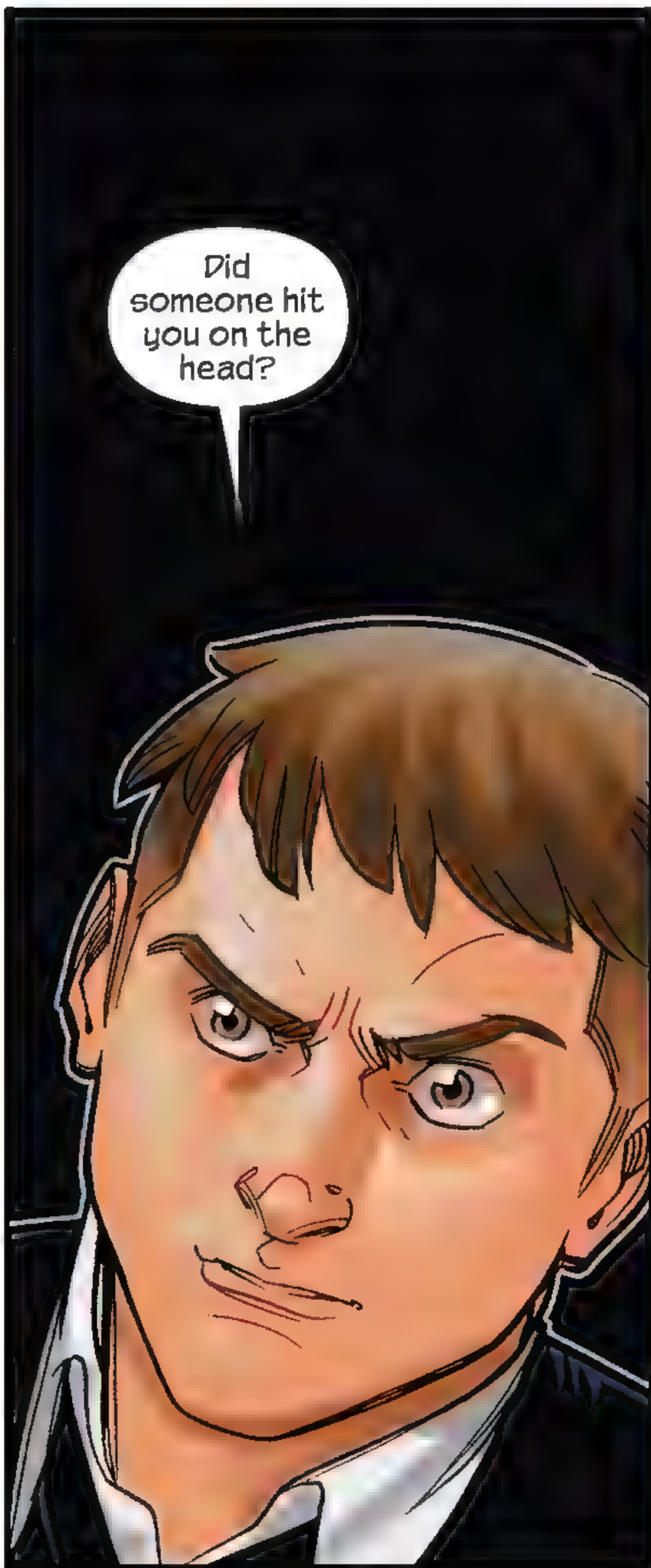
But I looked at Jameson and it went off. Why would that be exactly?

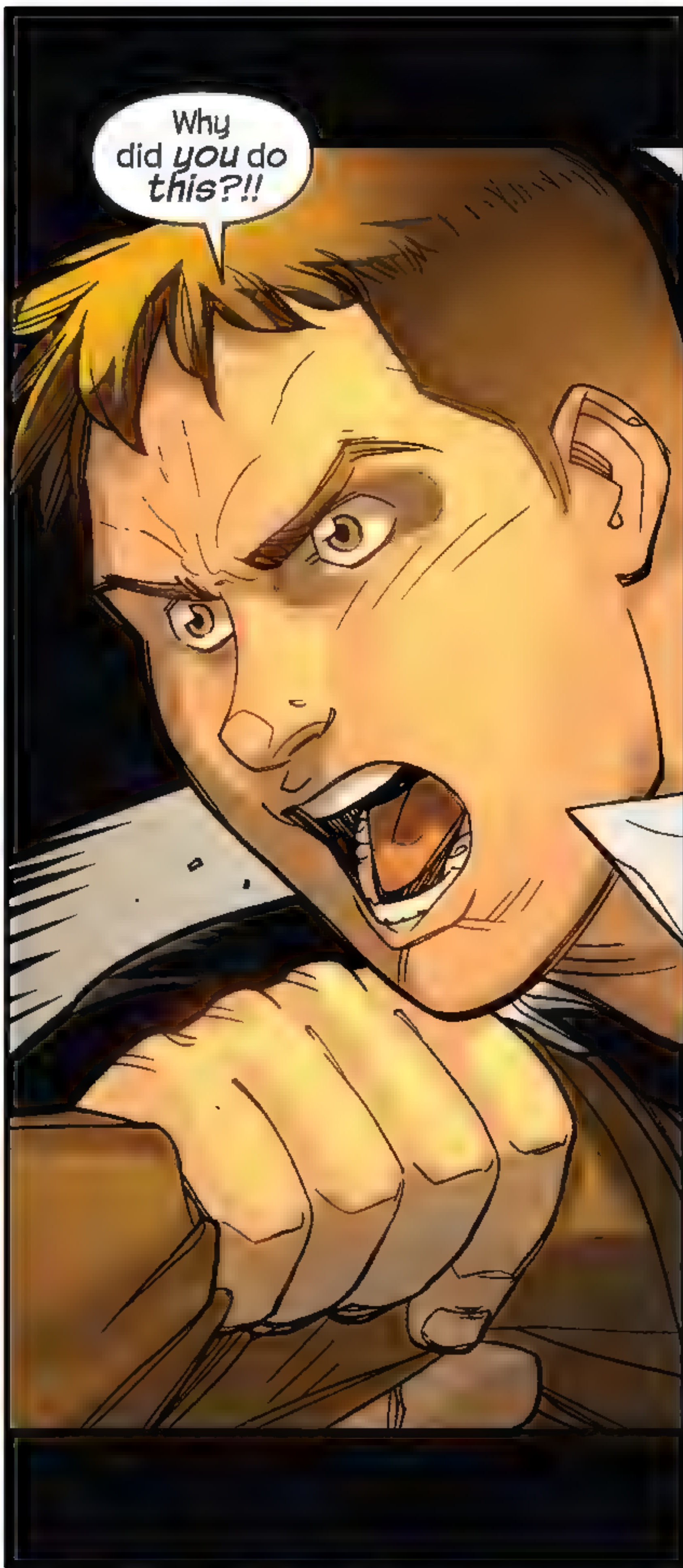
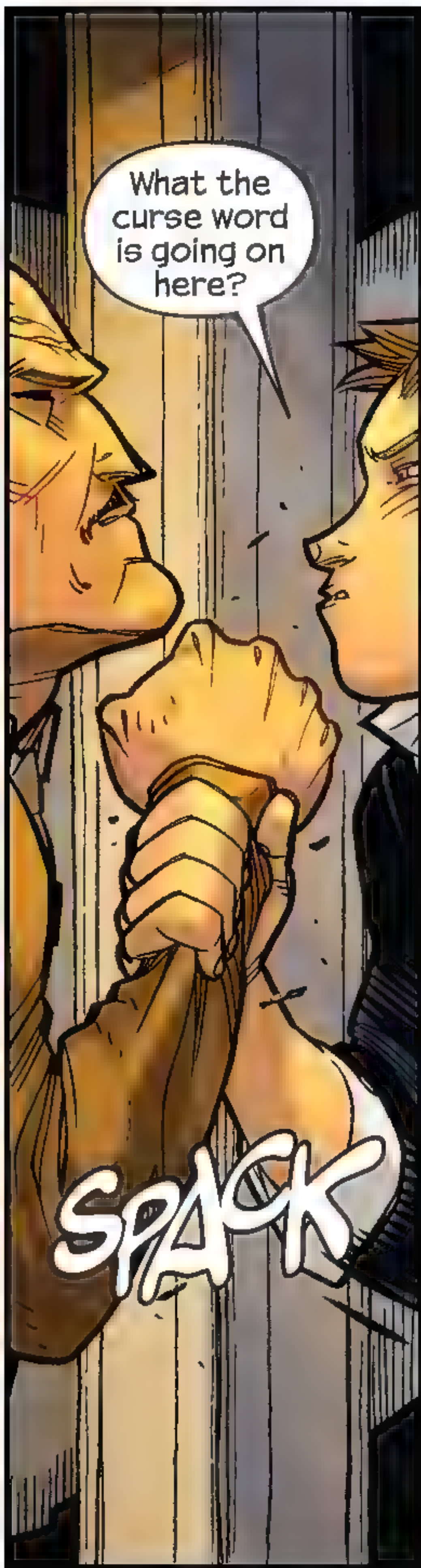
Okay, where am I going?

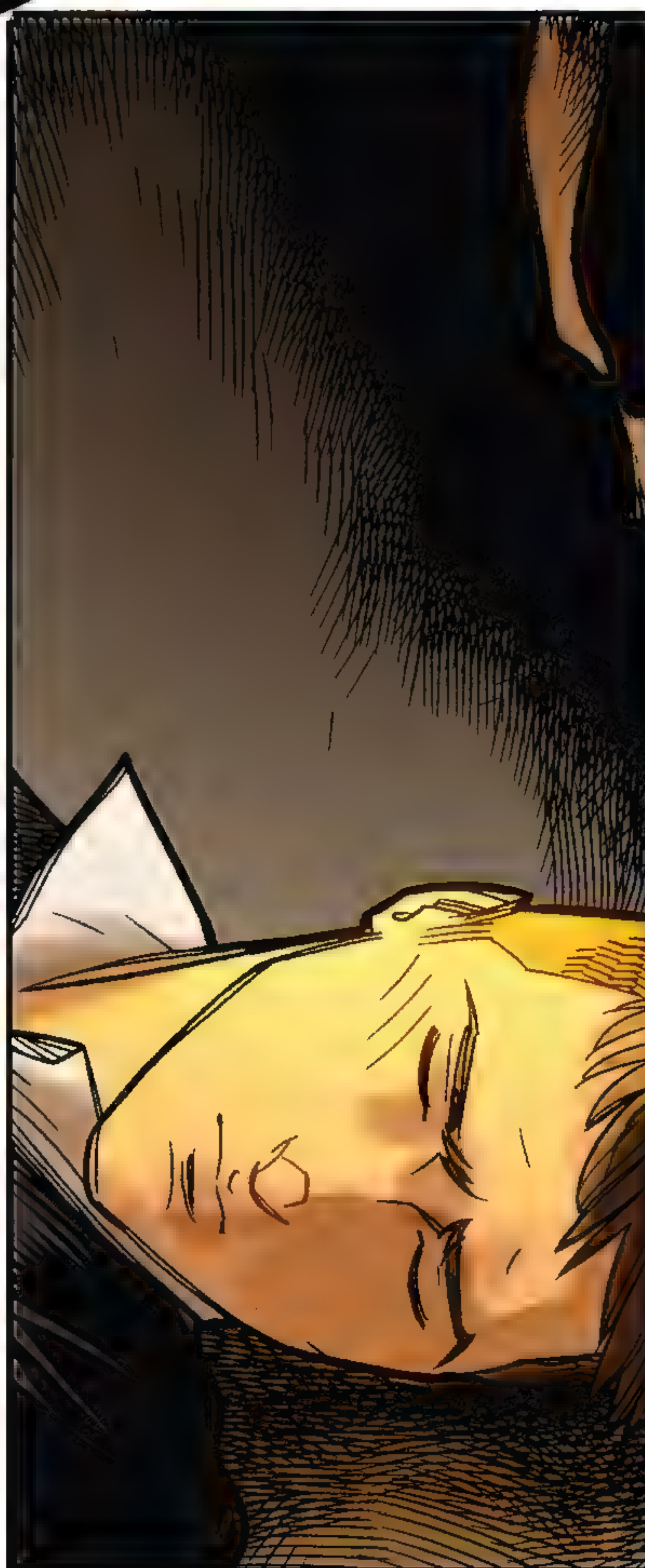
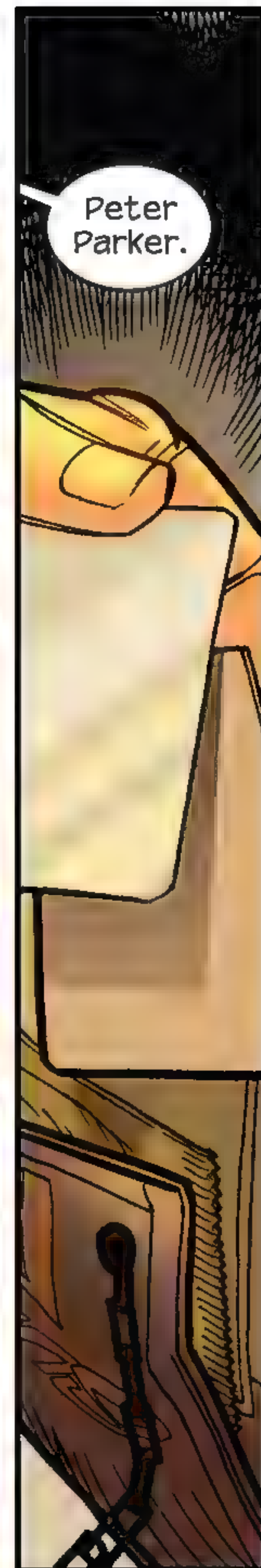
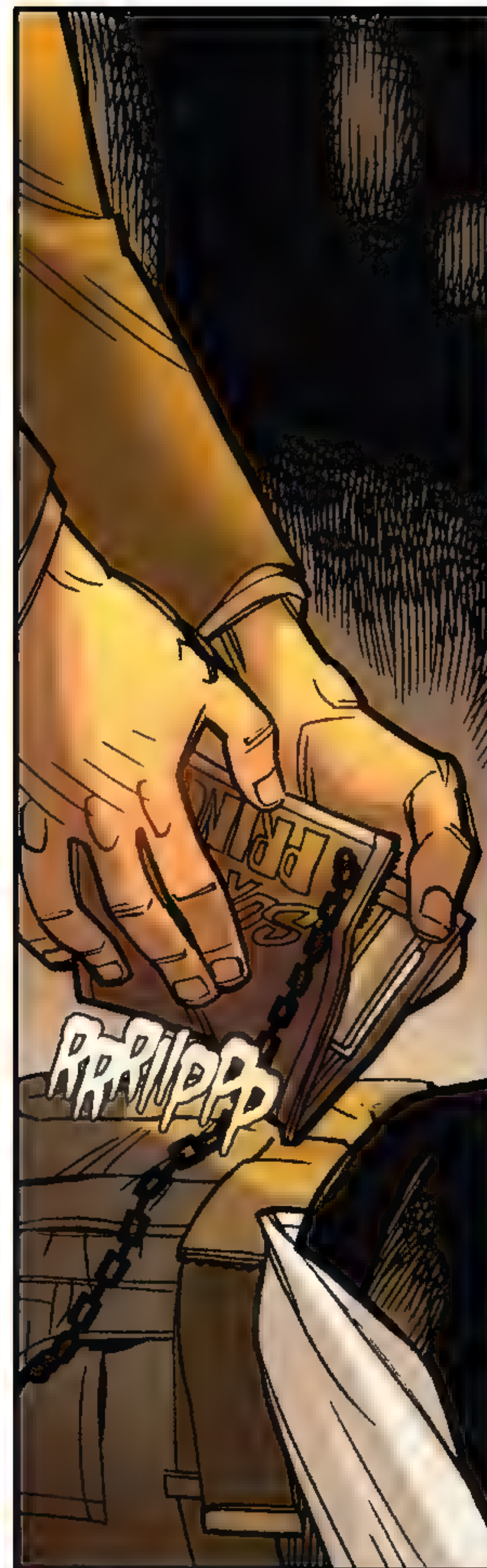
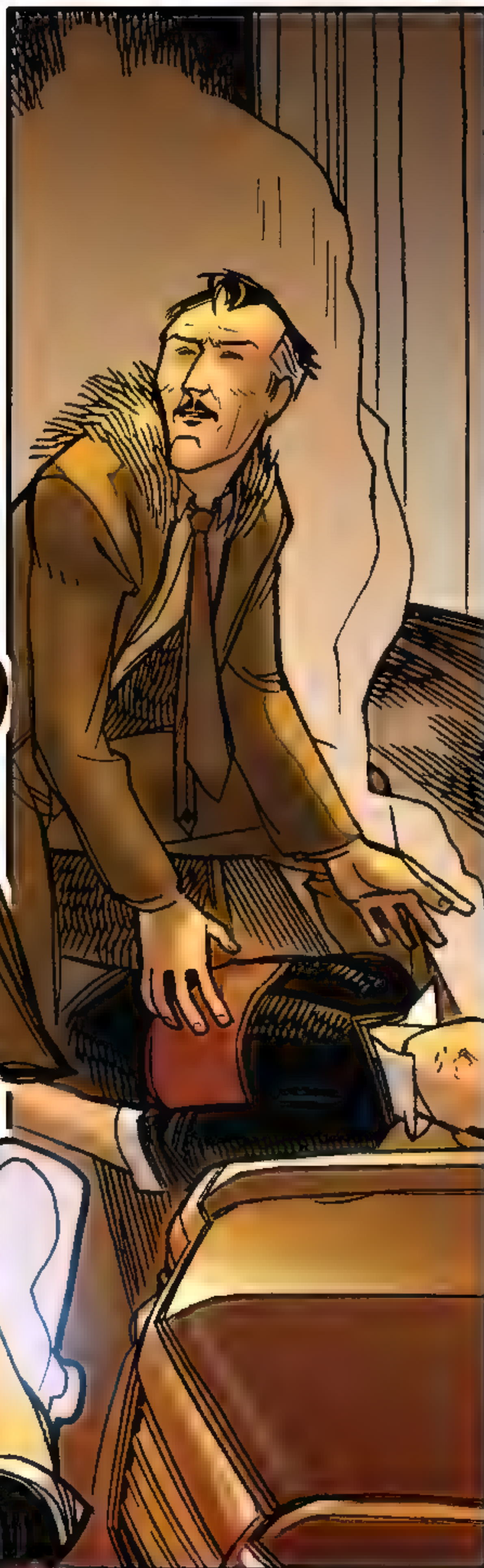


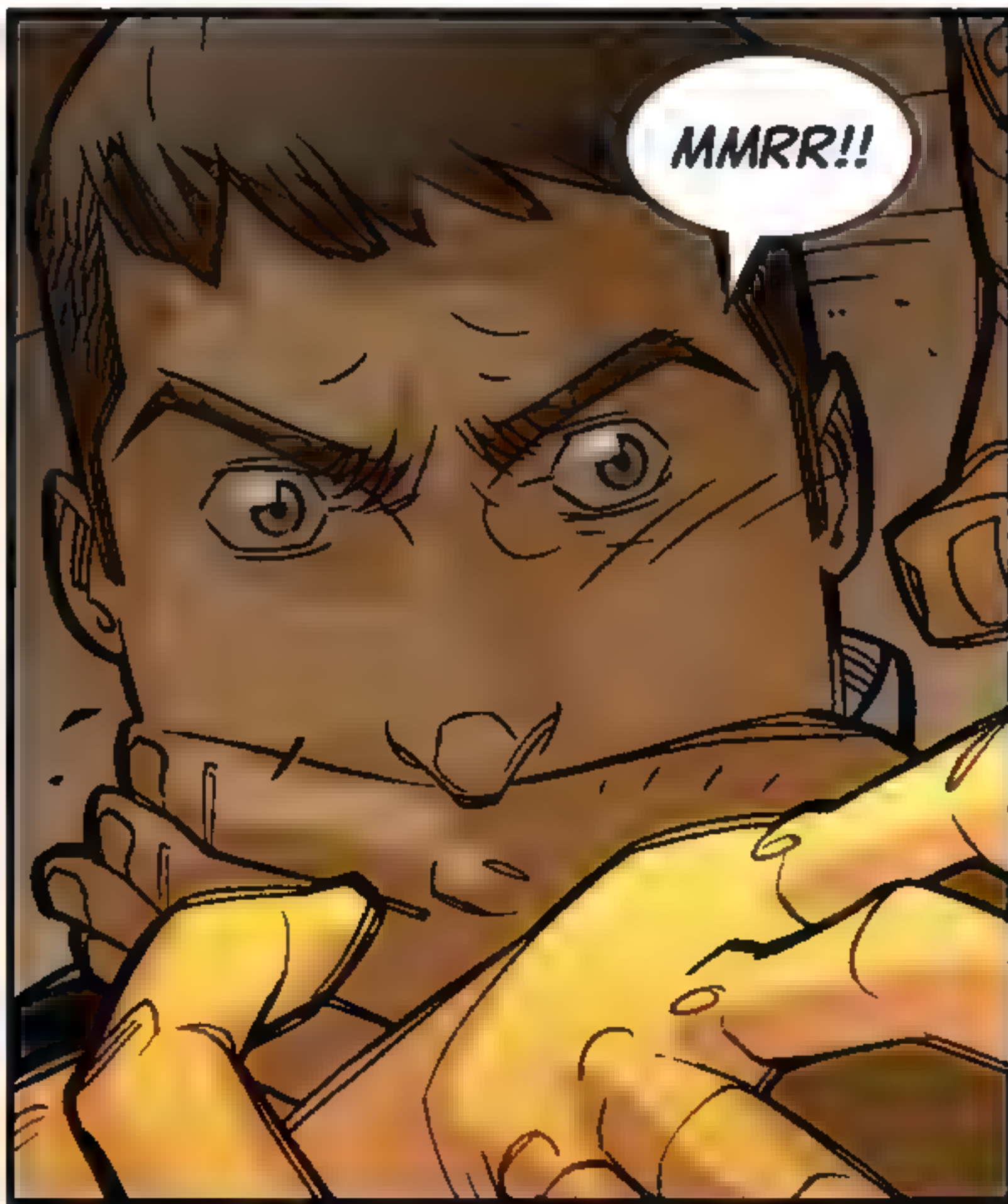
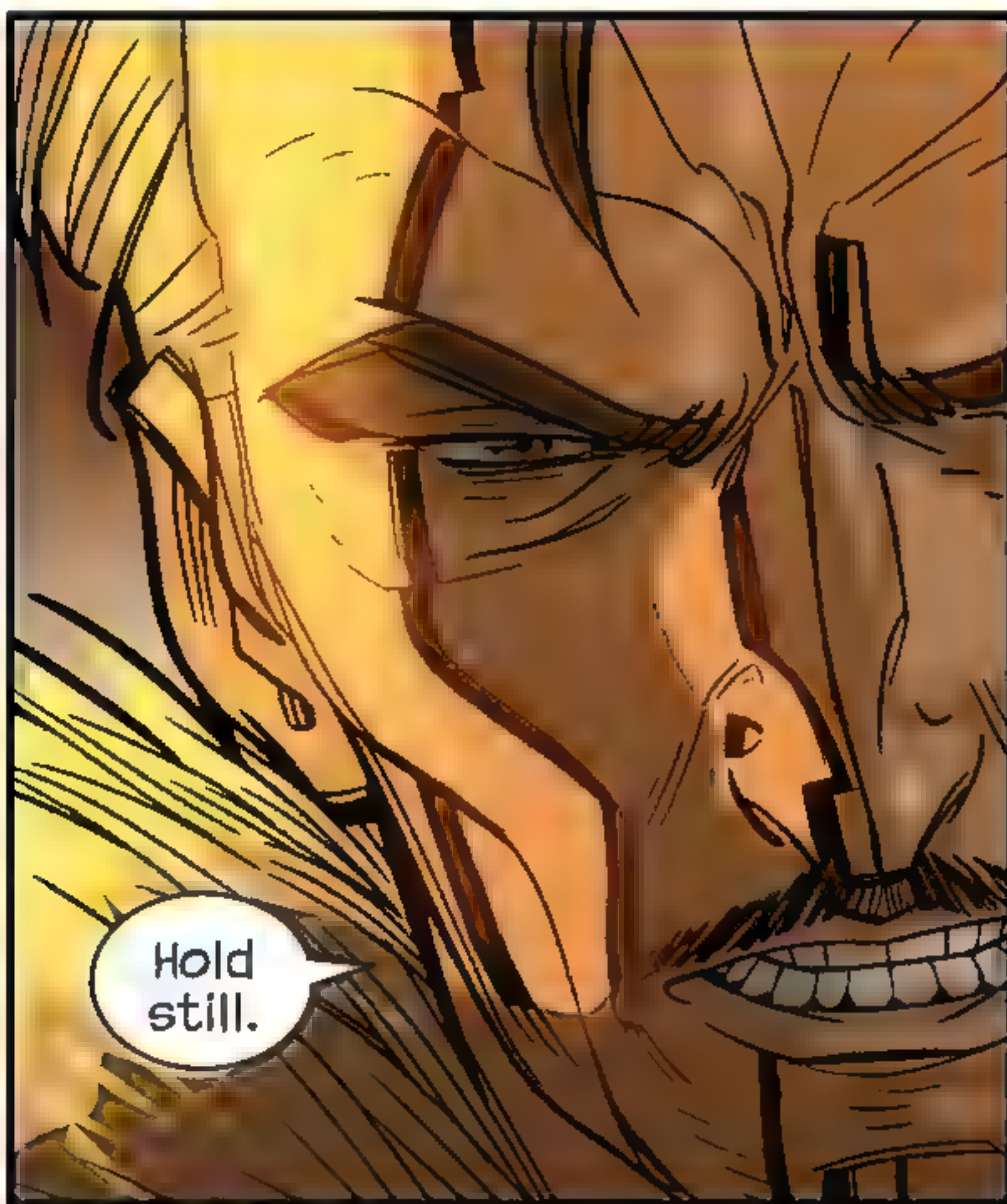
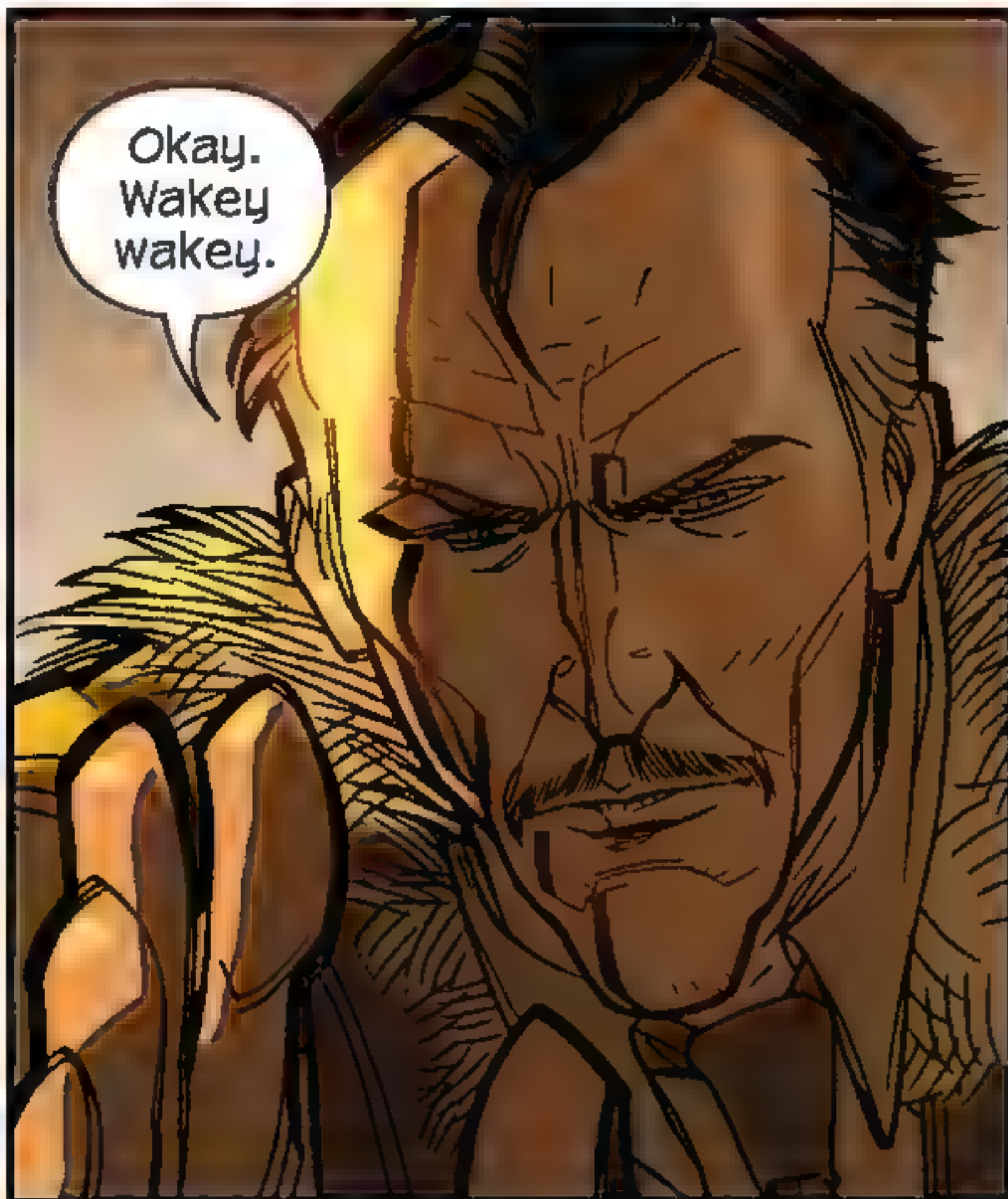
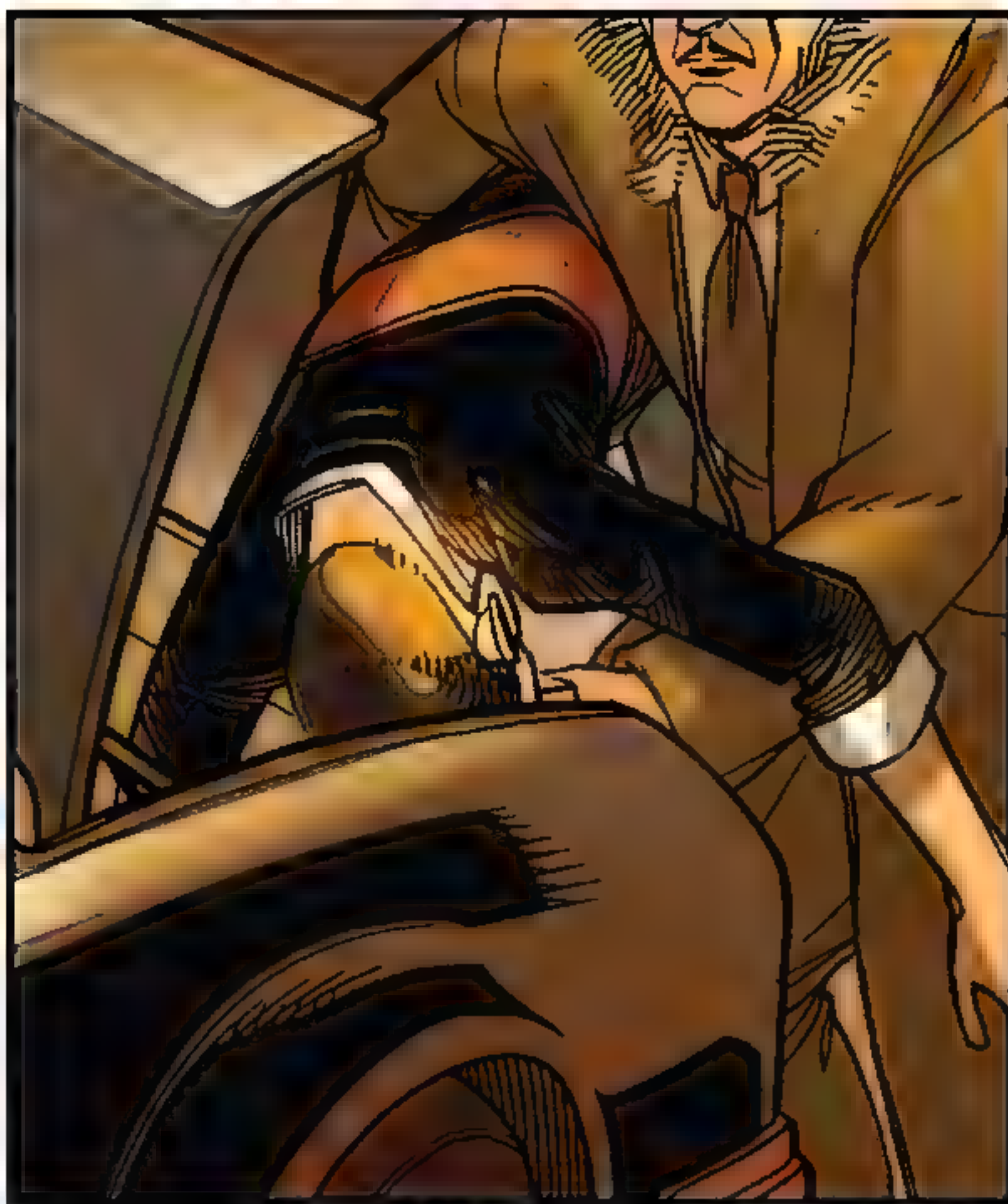
And why was he acting like he didn't know me? He's a jerkwad. But he's not *that* big a jerkwad.





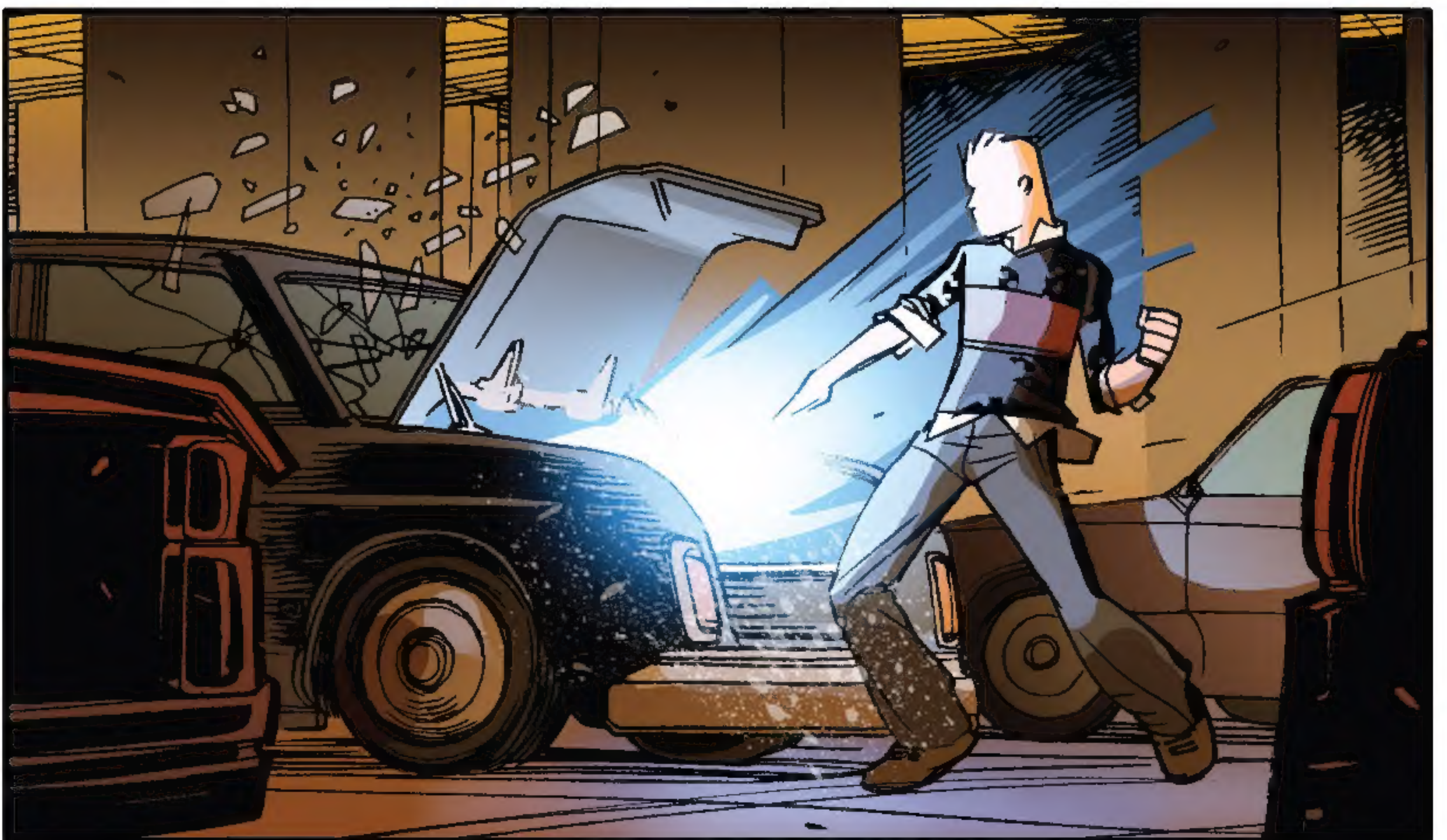








How'm
I lookin'
now?



Woof.

Let's
see?

What
are you?
5'5"?



I have to
find a way to
make this next
part not hurt
so much. Going
from 5'11"
to 5'5".

Urrrr!!



So everyone at school knew she was a mutant.

No, yeah, she wasn't hiding it. We knew who she was. We *knew* she was one of the X-Men.



What did I miss?

Hey. Everything okay?



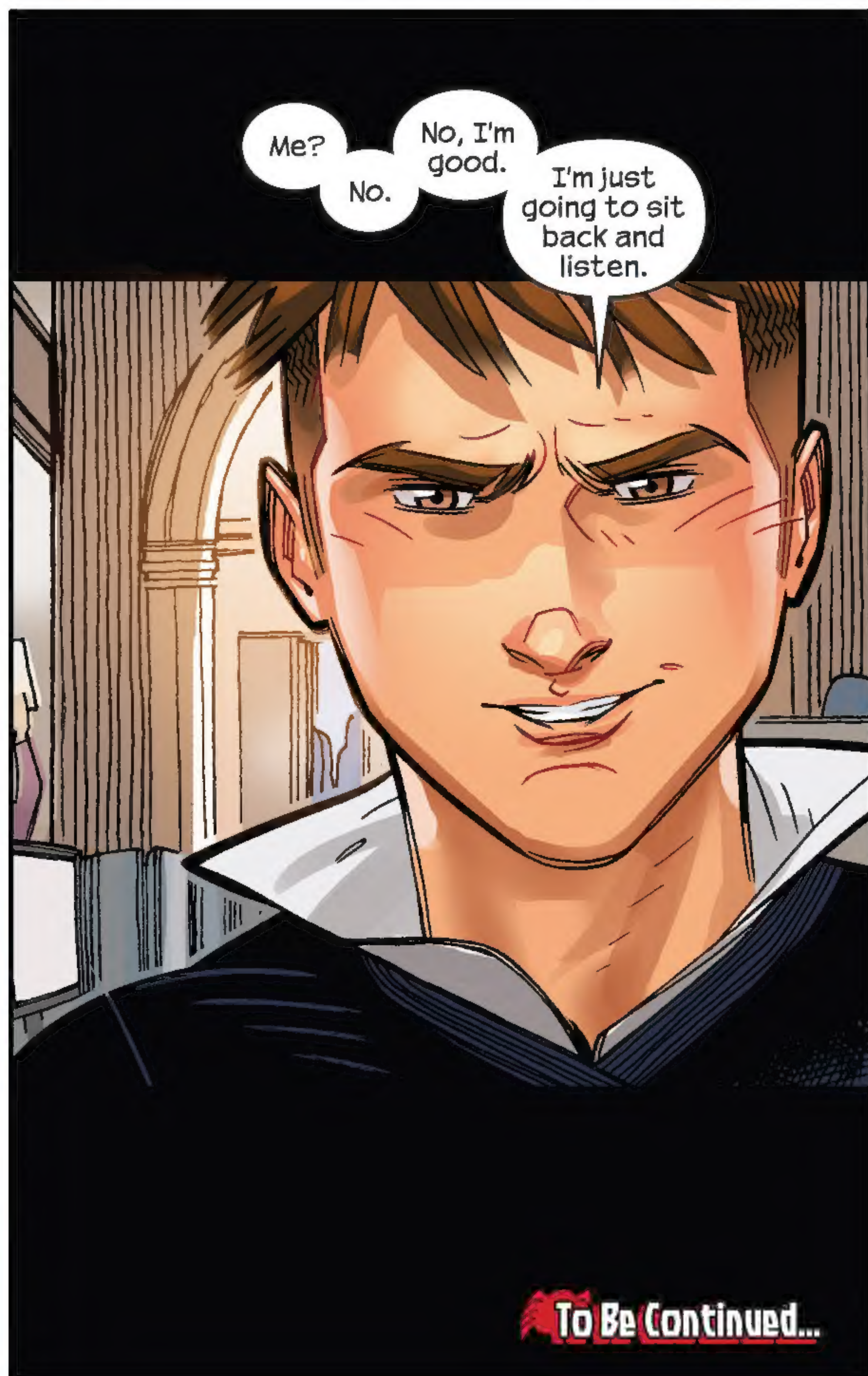
Yeah. Sure.

What are we talking about?

We're just going over Kitty's situation at the school before it all went to hell.

Sure, sure.

You sure you don't want to go on the record, Peter?



Me?

No.

No, I'm good.

I'm just going to sit back and listen.

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